

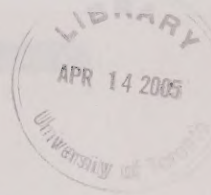
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HOUSE OF COMMONS OF CANADA
38th PARLIAMENT, 1st SESSION

MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS

STANDING COMMITTEE ON THE STATUS OF WOMEN

Chair: Anita Neville

Meeting No. 1

Tuesday, October 19, 2004

ORDERS OF THE DAY:

The Clerk of the Committee presided over the election of a Chair and Vice-Chairs

Future business

MEMBERS OF THE COMMITTEE PRESENT:

France Bonsant
Paule Brunelle
Jean Crowder
Nina Grewal
Helena Guergis
Susan Kadis
Anita Neville
Beth Phinney
Russ Powers
Lynne Yelich

ACTING MEMBER PRESENT:

Hon. Maria Minna for Paddy Torsney

ASSOCIATE MEMBER PRESENT:

Libby Davies

Christine Fisher
Clerk of the Committee

MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS

Meeting No. 1

Tuesday, October 19, 2004

The Standing Committee on the Status of Women met at 11:10 a.m. this day, in Room 371 West Block, for the purpose of electing a Chair, pursuant to Standing Order 106(1).

Members of the Committee present: France Bonsant, Paule Brunelle, Jean Crowder, Nina Grewal, Helena Guergis, Susan Kadis, Anita Neville, Beth Phinney, Russ Powers and Lynne Yelich.

Acting Members present: Maria Minna for Paddy Torsney.

Associate Members present: Libby Davies.

The Clerk of the Committee presided over the election of a Chair.

On motion of Susan Kadis, it was agreed, — That Anita Neville be elected Chair of the Committee.

On motion of Lynne Yelich, it was agreed, — That Nina Grewal be elected as Official Opposition Vice-Chair of the Committee.

On motion of Beth Phinney, it was agreed, — That Jean Crowder be elected as Opposition Vice-Chair of the Committee.

Anita Neville took the Chair.

On motion of Beth Phinney, it was agreed, — That the Committee retain the services of one or more analysts from the Library of Parliament, as needed, to assist the Committee in its work, at the discretion of the Chair.

On motion of Paule Brunelle, it was agreed, — That the Subcommittee on Agenda and Procedure be composed of the Chair, the two Vice-Chairs and Paule Brunelle from the Bloc Québécois.

On motion of Beth Phinney, it was agreed, — That the Chair be authorized to hold meetings to receive and publish evidence when a quorum is not present provided that at least 3 members are present, including a member of the opposition.

On motion of Susan Kadis, it was agreed, — That, if requested, reasonable travel, accommodation and living expenses be reimbursed to witnesses not exceeding one representatives per organization; and that, in exceptional circumstances, payment for more representatives be at the discretion of the Chair; and that, if requested, reasonable childcare expenses of witnesses be reimbursed.

On motion of Russ Powers, it was agreed, — That the Clerk of the Committee be authorized to distribute to the members of the Committee documents only when they exist in both official languages, and that no document provided by a witness be distributed without the authorization of the Clerk of the Committee.

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STANDING COMMITTEE ON THE STATUS OF WOMEN

Chair: Anita Neville, Lib.

Meeting No. 2

Thursday, October 28, 2004

ORDER OF THE DAY:

The Committee proceeded to the consideration of matters related to Committee business

MEMBERS OF THE COMMITTEE PRESENT:

France Bonsant
Paule Brunelle
Jean Crowder
Nina Grewal
Helena Guergis
Susan Kadis
Anita Neville
Beth Phinney
Russ Powers
Hon. Paddy Torsney

IN ATTENDANCE:

Parliamentary Information and Research Service:
Julie Cool, Analyst.

Bonnie Charron
Clerk of the Committee

ORDER OF THE DAY

MEMBERS OF THE COMMITTEE PRESENT:

Mr. [Name]
Mr. [Name]
Mr. [Name]
Mr. [Name]
Mr. [Name]
Mr. [Name]
Mr. [Name]
Mr. [Name]
Mr. [Name]
Mr. [Name]

IN ATTENDANCE:

Mr. [Name]
Mr. [Name]

MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS

Meeting No. 2

Thursday, October 28, 2004

The Standing Committee on the Status of Women met at 11:12 a.m. this day, in Room 371 West Block, the Chair, Anita Neville, presiding.

Members of the Committee present: France Bonsant, Paule Brunelle, Jean Crowder, Nina Grewal, Helena Guergis, Susan Kadis, Anita Neville, Beth Phinney, Russ Powers and Paddy Torsney.

Attendance: *Parliamentary Information and Research Service:* Julie Cool, Analyst.

The Committee proceeded to the consideration of matters related to Committee business.

The Chair presented the First Report from the Subcommittee on Agenda and Procedure which read as follows:

The Subcommittee met on Tuesday, October 26, 2004, to consider the business of the Committee and agreed to make the following recommendations:

- . It was agreed — That the Committee study the Estimates for Status of Women Canada.
- . It was agreed — That the Committee organize round tables with women's groups.
- . It was agreed — That the Committee's analyst prepare a proposed work plan.

On the motion of Beth Phinney, it was agreed, — That the report of the Subcommittee be concurred in.

On the motion of Susan Kadis, it was agreed, — That the proposed workplan and timeline be adopted.

On the motion of Beth Phinney, it was agreed, — That the Committee reserve the last fifteen minutes of each meeting for general discussion.

At 1:40 a.m., the Committee adjourned to the call of the Chair.

Bonnie Charron
Clerk of the Committee

4/11/01 11:15 a.m.

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Chair: Anita Neville, Lib.

Meeting No. 3

Thursday, November 4, 2004

ORDERS OF THE DAY:

Pursuant to Standing Order 108(2), the Committee proceeded to a briefing session on the Estimates process.

The Committee proceeded to the consideration of matters related to Committee business.

MEMBERS OF THE COMMITTEE PRESENT:

France Bonsant,
Paule Brunelle,
Jean Crowder,
Nina Grewal,
Helena Guergis,
Betty Hinton,
Anita Neville,
Beth Phinney
and Paddy Torsney.

IN ATTENDANCE:

Parliamentary Information and Research Service:
Julie Cool, Analyst.

WITNESSES:

Treasury Board of Canada Secretariat:

Marc Monette, Senior Director;
Robert J. Mellon, Director Estimates Production.

Office of the Auditor General of Canada:
Richard Flageole, Assistant Auditor General;
Tom Wileman, Principal.

Bonnie Charron
Clerk of the Committee

MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS

Meeting No. 3

Thursday, November 4, 2004

The Standing Committee on the Status of Women met at 11:04 a.m. this day, in Room 307 West Block, the Chair, Anita Neville, presiding.

Members of the Committee present: France Bonsant, Paule Brunelle, Jean Crowder, Nina Grewal, Helena Guergis, Betty Hinton, Anita Neville, Beth Phinney and Paddy Torsney.

In attendance: Parliamentary Information and Research Service: Julie Cool, Analyst.

Witnesses: Treasury Board of Canada Secretariat: Marc Monette, Senior Director; Robert J. Mellon, Director Estimates Production. *Office of the Auditor General of Canada:* Richard Flageole, Assistant Auditor General; Tom Wileman, Principal.

Pursuant to Standing Order 108(2), the Committee proceeded to a briefing session on the Estimates process.

The participants made statements and answered questions.

The Committee proceeded to the consideration of matters related to Committee business.

On motion of Paule Brunelle, it was agreed, — That the workplan be changed as discussed.

At 12:55 p.m., the Committee adjourned to the call of the Chair.

Bonnie Charron
Clerk of the Committee

2004/11/08 10:01 a.m.

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STANDING COMMITTEE ON THE STATUS OF WOMEN

Chair: Anita Neville.

Meeting No. 4

Tuesday, November 16, 2004

ORDERS OF THE DAY:

Pursuant to Standing Order 108(2), the Committee proceeded to a briefing session on Status of Women Canada.

The Committee proceeded to the consideration of matters related to Committee business.

MEMBERS OF THE COMMITTEE PRESENT:

France Bonsant,
Paule Brunelle,
Jean Crowder,
Nina Grewal,
Helena Guergis,
Susan Kadis,
Anita Neville,
Beth Phinney,
Russ Powers,
Paddy Torsney
and Lynne Yelich.

IN ATTENDANCE:

Library of Parliament:
Julie Cool, Analyst.

WITNESSES:

Status of Women Canada:

Florence Ievers, Coordinator;

Jackie Claxton, Director General, Women's Programs and
Regional Operations;

Sheila Regehr, Director General, Policy and External Affairs
Directorate.

Florence Ievers made a statement and, with the other witnesses, answered questions.

Bonnie Charron
Clerk of the Committee

MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS

Meeting No. 4

Tuesday, November 16, 2004

The Standing Committee on the Status of Women met at 11:06 a.m. this day, in Room 362 East Block, the Chair, Anita Neville, presiding.

Members of the Committee present: France Bonsant, Paule Brunelle, Jean Crowder, Nina Grewal, Helena Guergis, Susan Kadis, Anita Neville, Beth Phinney, Russ Powers, Paddy Torsney and Lynne Yelich.

In attendance: Library of Parliament: Julie Cool, Analyst.

Witnesses: Status of Women Canada: Florence Ievers, Coordinator; Jackie Claxton, Director General, Women's Programs and Regional Operations; Sheila Regehr, Director General, Policy and External Affairs Directorate.

Pursuant to Standing Order 108(2), the Committee proceeded to a briefing session on Status of Women Canada.

Florence Ievers made a statement and, with the other witnesses, answered questions.

At 12:23 p.m., the sitting was suspended.

At 12:32 p.m., the sitting resumed.

The Committee proceeded to the consideration of matters related to Committee business.

On motion of Beth Phinney, it was agreed, — That the Committee proceed to sit *in camera*.

At 12:43 p.m., the sitting was suspended.

At 12:44 p.m., the sitting resumed.

It was agreed, — That the Clerk, in consultation with the Chair and based on input from the Committee through the suggested list of witnesses, prepare a draft budget for the Committee's study on Roundtables for consideration by the Steering Committee.

At 1:05 p.m., the Committee adjourned to the call of the Chair.

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Clerk of the Committee

2004/11/17 4:42 p.m.

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Chair: Anita Neville, Lib.

Meeting No. 5

Thursday, November 18, 2004

ORDERS OF THE DAY:

Pursuant to Standing Order 108(2), the Committee proceeded to a briefing session from third party stakeholders

The Committee proceeded to the consideration of matters related to Committee business

MEMBERS OF THE COMMITTEE PRESENT:

France Bonsant
Paule Brunelle
Jean Crowder
Nina Grewal
Helena Guergis
Susan Kadis
Anita Neville
Beth Phinney
Russ Powers
Hon. Paddy Torsney
Lynne Yelich

IN ATTENDANCE:

Standing Committee on the Status of Women:
Julie Cool, Analyst.

WITNESSES:

Coalition for Women's Equality:

Anu Bose, Representative;
Shelagh Day, Representative;
Bonnie Diamond, Representative;
Lise Martin, Representative.

Anu Bose, Bonnie Diamond, and Lise Martin made statements and, with the other witness, answered questions.

Bonnie Charron
Clerk of the Committee



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Meeting No. 5

Thursday, November 18, 2004

The Standing Committee on the Status of Women met at 11:07 a.m. this day, in Room 362 East Block, the Chair, Anita Neville, presiding.

Members of the Committee present: France Bonsant, Paule Brunelle, Jean Crowder, Nina Grewal, Helena Guergis, Susan Kadis, Beth Phinney, Russ Powers, Paddy Torsney and Lynne Yelich.

In attendance: Standing Committee on the Status of Women: Julie Cool, Analyst.

Witnesses: Coalition for Women's Equality: Anu Bose, Representative; Shelagh Day, Representative; Bonnie Diamond, Representative; Lise Martin, Representative.

Pursuant to Standing Order 108(2), the Committee proceeded to a briefing session from third party stakeholders.

Anu Bose, Bonnie Diamond, and Lise Martin made statements and, with the other witness, answered questions.

The Committee proceeded to the consideration of matters related to Committee business.

On motion of Paddy Torsney, it was agreed, — That the Committee proceed to sit *in camera*.

At 12:52 p.m., the sitting was suspended.

At 12:52 p.m., the sitting resumed.

It was agreed, — That the proposed budget in the amount of \$ 85 662, for the period of November 2004 to February 2005 be adopted, and that all regions and mandates be adequately represented in the Study, and that the Chair present the said budget to the Liaison Committee.

At 1:01 p.m., the Committee adjourned to the call of the Chair.

Bonnie Charron
Clerk of the Committee

2004/11/19 6:13 p.m.

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STANDING COMMITTEE ON THE STATUS OF WOMEN

Chair: Anita Neville, Lib.

Meeting No. 6

Tuesday, November 23, 2004

ORDERS OF THE DAY:

Pursuant to Standing Order 108(2), the Committee proceeded to a briefing session on Status of Women Canada

The Committee proceeded to the consideration of matters related to Committee business

MEMBERS OF THE COMMITTEE PRESENT:

France Bonsant
Paule Brunelle
Jean Crowder
Nina Grewal
Helena Guergis
Susan Kadis
Anita Neville
Russ Powers
Lynne Yelich

IN ATTENDANCE:

Library of Parliament:

Julie Cool, Analyst.

House of Commons:

Carmen DePape, Committee Clerk;

APPEARING:

Hon. Liza Frulla, Minister responsible for Status of Women

WITNESSES:

Status of Women Canada:

Jackie Claxton, Director General, Women's Programs and
Regional Operations;

Florence Ievers, Coordinator;

Nanci-Jean Waugh, Director, Communications and Consultations.

Bonnie Charron
Clerk of the Committee

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Meeting No. 6

Tuesday, November 23, 2004

The Standing Committee on the Status of Women met at 11:09 a.m. this day, in Room 308 West Block, the Chair, Anita Neville, presiding.

Members of the Committee present: France Bonsant, Paule Brunelle, Jean Crowder, Nina Grewal, Helena Guergis, Susan Kadis, Anita Neville, Russ Powers and Lynne Yelich.

In attendance: Library of Parliament: Julie Cool, Analyst. *House of Commons:* Carmen DePape, Committee Clerk.

Appearing: Hon. Liza Frulla, Minister responsible for Status of Women.

Witnesses: Status of Women Canada: Jackie Claxton, Director General, Women's Programs and Regional Operations; Florence Ievers, Coordinator; Nanci-Jean Waugh, Director, Communications and Consulations.

Pursuant to Standing Order 108(2), the Committee proceeded to a briefing session on Status of Women Canada.

The Minister made a statement and, with Florence Ievers and Jackie Claxton, answered questions.

At 12:39 p.m., the sitting was suspended.

At 12:42 p.m., the sitting resumed.

At 12:42, the Committee proceeded to sit *in camera*.

The Committee proceeded to the consideration of matters related to Committee business.

At 12:49 p.m., the Committee adjourned to the call of the Chair.

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Clerk of the Committee

2004/11/23 3:14 p.m.

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STANDING COMMITTEE ON THE STATUS OF WOMEN

Chair: Anita Neville.

Meeting No. 7

Thursday, November 25, 2004

ORDERS OF THE DAY:

Pursuant to Standing Order 108(2), the Committee commenced its study on Roundtables to explore the concerns of women's organizations and equality-seeking organizations.

The Committee proceeded to the consideration of matters related to Committee business.

MEMBERS OF THE COMMITTEE PRESENT:

France Bonsant,
Paule Brunelle,
Jean Crowder,
Nina Grewal,
Susan Kadis,
Anita Neville,
Beth Phinney,
Russ Powers
and Lynne Yelich.

IN ATTENDANCE:

Library of Parliament:
Julie Cool, Analyst.

WITNESSES:

Fédération des femmes du Québec:
Danielle Hébert, General Coordinator.

National Council of Women of Canada :
Catharine Laidlaw-Sly, President.

Women's Inter-Church Council of Canada:
Norah McMurtry, Program Coordinator.

REAL Women of Canada:
Diane Watts, Researcher.

Bonnie Charron
Clerk of the Committee

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Meeting No. 7

Thursday, November 25, 2004

The Standing Committee on the Status of Women met at 11:13 a.m. this day, in Room 269 West Block, the Chair, Anita Neville, presiding.

Members of the Committee present: France Bonsant, Paule Brunelle, Jean Crowder, Nina Grewal, Susan Kadis, Anita Neville, Beth Phinney, Russ Powers and Lynne Yelich.

In attendance: Library of Parliament: Julie Cool, Analyst.

Witnesses: Fédération des femmes du Québec: Danielle Hébert, General Coordinator. *National Council of Women of Canada :* Catharine Laidlaw-Sly, President. *Women's Interchurch Council of Canada:* Norah McMurtry, Program Coordinator. *REAL Women of Canada:* Diane Watts, Researcher.

Pursuant to Standing Order 108(2), the Committee commenced its study on Roundtables to explore the concerns of women's organizations and equality-seeking organizations.

The witnesses made statements and answered questions.

The Committee proceeded to the consideration of matters related to Committee business.

At 1:02 p.m., the Committee adjourned to the call of the Chair.

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Clerk of the Committee

2004/11/25 2:59 p.m.

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STANDING COMMITTEE ON THE STATUS OF WOMEN

Chair: Anita Neville.

Meeting No. 8

Tuesday, November 30, 2004

ORDER OF THE DAY:

Pursuant to Standing Order 108(2), the Committee commenced its study on Roundtables to explore the concerns of women's organizations and equality-seeking organizations.

MEMBERS OF THE COMMITTEE PRESENT:

France Bonsant,
Paule Brunelle,
Jean Crowder,
Nina Grewal,
Susan Kadis,
Anita Neville,
Beth Phinney,
Russ Powers
and Lynne Yelich.

WITNESSES:

National Organization of Immigrant and Visible Minority Women of Canada:

Anu Bose, Executive Director, National Office.

National Association of Women and the Law:

Andrée Côté, Director of Legislation and Law Reform.

Canadian Women's Studies Association:

Barbara Crow, Associate Professor and Past-President.

Newfoundland and Labrador Provincial Advisory Council on the Status of Women:

Joyce Hancock, President.

Women's Legal Education and Action Fund:

Lori Harreman, Board Member.

National Action Committee on the Status of Women:

Sungee John, Interim President.

Canadian Research Institute for the Advancement of Women:

Lise Martin, Executive Director.

Bonnie Charron
Clerk of the Committee

MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS

Meeting No. 8

Tuesday, November 30, 2004

The Standing Committee on the Status of Women met at 11:02 a.m. this day, in Room 705 La Promenade Building, the Chair, Anita Neville, presiding.

Members of the Committee present: France Bonsant, Paule Brunelle, Jean Crowder, Nina Grewal, Susan Kadis, Anita Neville, Beth Phinney, Russ Powers and Lynne Yelich.

Witnesses: *National Organization of Immigrant and Visible Minority Women of Canada:* Anu Bose, Executive Director, National Office. *National Association of Women and the Law:* Andrée Côté, Director of Legislation and Law Reform. *Canadian Women's Studies Association:* Barbara Crow, Associate Professor and Past-President. *Newfoundland and Labrador Provincial Advisory Council on the Status of Women:* Joyce Hancock, President. *Women's Legal Education and Action Fund:* Lori Harreman, Board Member. *National Action Committee on the Status of Women:* Sungee John, Interim President. *Canadian Research Institute for the Advancement of Women:* Lise Martin, Executive Director.

Pursuant to Standing Order 108(2), the Committee resumed its study on Roundtables to explore the concerns of women's organizations and equality-seeking organizations.

The witnesses made statements and answered questions.

At 12:00 p.m., the sitting was suspended.

At 12:08 p.m., the sitting resumed.

At 1:00 p.m., the Committee adjourned to the call of the Chair.

Bonnie Charron
Clerk of the Committee

2004/11/30 2:28 p.m.

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STANDING COMMITTEE ON THE STATUS OF WOMEN

Chair: Anita Neville.

Meeting No. 9

Thursday, December 2, 2004

ORDER OF THE DAY:

Pursuant to Standing Order 108(2), the Committee commenced its study on Roundtables to explore the concerns of women's organizations and equality-seeking organizations.

MEMBERS OF THE COMMITTEE PRESENT:

France Bonsant,
Paule Brunelle,
Jean Crowder,
Nina Grewal,
Helena Guergis,
Susan Kadis,
Anita Neville,
Beth Phinney,
Russ Powers
and Lynne Yelich.

IN ATTENDANCE:

Library of Parliament:
Julie Cool, Analyst.

WITNESSES:

Pauktuutit Inuit Women's Association:
Jennifer Dickson, Executive Director.

Quebec Native Women Inc.:
Ellen Gabriel, President.

Métis National Council of Women Inc.:
Sheila D. Genaille, President.

Native Women's Association of Canada:
Beverly Jacobs, President.

Bonnie Charron
Clerk of the Committee

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Meeting No. 9

Thursday, December 2, 2004

The Standing Committee on the Status of Women met at 11:19 a.m. this day, in Room 362 East Block, the Chair, Anita Neville, presiding.

Members of the Committee present: France Bonsant, Paule Brunelle, Jean Crowder, Nina Grewal, Helena Guergis, Susan Kadis, Anita Neville, Beth Phinney, Russ Powers and Lynne Yelich.

In attendance: Library of Parliament: Julie Cool, Analyst.

Witnesses: Pauktuutit Inuit Women's Association: Jennifer Dickson, Executive Director. *Quebec Native Women Inc.:* Ellen Gabriel, President. *Métis National Council of Women Inc.:* Sheila D. Genaille, President. *Native Women's Association of Canada:* Beverly Jacobs, President.

Pursuant to Standing Order 108(2), the Committee resumed its study on Roundtables to explore the concerns of women's organizations and equality-seeking organizations.

The witnesses made statements and answered questions.

At 12:17, the sitting was suspended.

At 12:20, the sitting resumed.

At 1:02 p.m., the Committee adjourned to the call of the Chair.

Bonnie Charron
Clerk of the Committee

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Chair: Anita Neville, Lib.

Meeting No. 10

Tuesday, December 7, 2004

ORDER OF THE DAY:

Pursuant to Standing Order 108(2), the Committee commenced its study on Roundtables to explore the concerns of women's organizations and equality-seeking organizations

MEMBERS OF THE COMMITTEE PRESENT:

Paule Brunelle
Jean Crowder
Nina Grewal
Helena Guergis
Susan Kadis
Anita Neville
Hon. Paddy Torsney
Lynne Yelich

ACTING MEMBER PRESENT:

Monique Guay for France Bonsant

IN ATTENDANCE:

Library of Parliament:
Julie Cool, Analyst.

WITNESSES:

Prairie Women's Health Centre of Excellence:
Margaret Haworth-Brockman, Executive Director.

Canadian Women's Health Network:
Abby Lippman, Co-Chair; Professor, McGill University.

Canadian Nurses Association:

Jane MacDonald, Primary Health Care Consultant.

Bonnie Charron
Clerk of the Committee

MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS

Meeting No. 10

Tuesday, December 7, 2004

The Standing Committee on the Status of Women met in a televised session at 11:17 a.m. this day, in Room 237-C Centre Block, the Chair, Anita Neville, presiding.

Members of the Committee present: Paule Brunelle, Jean Crowder, Nina Grewal, Helena Guergis, Susan Kadis, Anita Neville, Paddy Torsney and Lynne Yelich.

Acting Members present: Monique Guay for France Bonsant.

In attendance: Library of Parliament: Julie Cool, Analyst.

Witnesses: Prairie Women's Health Centre of Excellence: Margaret Haworth-Brockman, Executive Director. *Canadian Women's Health Network:* Abby Lippman, Co-Chair, Professor, McGill University. *Canadian Nurses Association:* Jane MacDonald, Primary Health Care Consultant.

Pursuant to Standing Order 108(2), the Committee resumed its study on Roundtables to explore the concerns of women's organizations and equality-seeking organizations.

The witnesses made statements and answered questions.

At 12:58 p.m., the Committee adjourned to the call of the Chair.

Bonnie Charron
Clerk of the Committee

2004/12/07 2:15 p.m.

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Chair: Anita Neville.

Meeting No. 11

Tuesday, December 7, 2004

ORDER OF THE DAY:

Pursuant to Standing Order 108(2), the Committee commenced its study on Roundtables to explore the concerns of women's organizations and equality-seeking organizations.

MEMBERS OF THE COMMITTEE PRESENT:

France Bonsant,
Paule Brunelle,
Jean Crowder,
Nina Grewal,
Helena Guergis,
Susan Kadis,
Anita Neville,
Paddy Torsney
and Lynne Yelich.

IN ATTENDANCE:

Library of Parliament:
Julie Cool, Analyst.

WITNESSES:

YWCA Canada:
Darlene Bessey, President.

Canadian Federation of Business and Professional Women's Clubs:
Darla Campbell, President.

MediaWatch:
Melanie Cishecki, Executive Director.

Association féminine d'éducation et d'action sociale:
Hélène Cornellier, Coordinator of Action Plan and
Communications.

Women Entrepreneurs of Canada:
Pirjo Friedman, President.

Women with Vision Magazine:
Lorraine Leslie, Founder / Publisher.

*Canadian Coalition of Women in Science, Engineering, Trades and
Technology:*
Hiromi Matsui, Past President, Co-Chair, Working Group, Women
in Science, Engineering, Trades & Technology.

Women in Resource Development Inc.:
Lorraine Michael, Executive Director.

Canadian Federation of University Women:
Susan Russell, Executive Director.

Women's Community Economic Development Council:
Joni Simpson, Member and Executive Director of Compagnie F
entrepreneurship pour femmes.

Bonnie Charron
Clerk of the Committee

MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS

Meeting No. 11

Tuesday, December 7, 2004

The Standing Committee on the Status of Women met in a televised session at 5:47 p.m. this day, in Room 253-D Centre Block, the Chair, Anita Neville, presiding.

Members of the Committee present: France Bonsant, Paule Brunelle, Jean Crowder, Nina Grewal, Helena Guergis, Susan Kadis, Anita Neville, Paddy Torsney and Lynne Yelich.

In attendance: Library of Parliament: Julie Cool, Analyst.

Witnesses: YWCA Canada: Darlene Bessey, President. Canadian Federation of Business and Professional Women's Clubs: Darla Campbell, President. MediaWatch: Melanie Cishecki, Executive Director. Association féminine d'éducation et d'action sociale: Hélène Cornellier, Coordinator of Action Plan and Communications. Women Entrepreneurs of Canada: Pirjo Friedman, President. Women with Vision Magazine: Lorraine Leslie, Founder / Publisher. Canadian Coalition of Women in Science, Engineering, Trades and Technology: Hiromi Matsui, Past President, Co-Chair, Working Group, Women in Science, Engineering, Trades & Technology. Women in Resource Development Inc.: Lorraine Michael, Executive Director. Canadian Federation of University Women: Susan Russell, Executive Director. Women's Community Economic Development Council: Joni Simpson, Member and Executive Director of Compagnie F entrepreneurship pour femmes.

Pursuant to Standing Order 108(2), the Committee resumed its study on Roundtables to explore the concerns of women's organizations and equality-seeking organizations.

The witnesses made statements and answered questions.

At 7:15 p.m., the sitting was suspended.

At 7:29 p.m., the sitting resumed.

At 8:35 p.m., the Committee adjourned to the call of the Chair.

Bonnie Charron
Clerk of the Committee

2004/12/09 4:59 p.m.

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STANDING COMMITTEE ON THE STATUS OF WOMEN

Chair: Anita Neville, Lib.

Meeting No. 12

Thursday, December 9, 2004

ORDER OF THE DAY:

Pursuant to Standing Order 108(2), the Committee commenced its study on Roundtables to explore the concerns of women's organizations and equality-seeking organizations.

MEMBERS OF THE COMMITTEE PRESENT:

France Bonsant,
Paule Brunelle,
Jean Crowder,
Nina Grewal,
Susan Kadis,
Russ Powers,
Hon. Paddy Torsney
and Lynne Yelich.

IN ATTENDANCE:

Library of Parliament:
Julie Cool, Analyst.

WITNESSES:

Amnesty International (Canada):
Cheryl Hotchkiss, Women Human Rights Campaigner.

Canadian Association of Sexual Assault Centres:

Lee Lakeman, Regional Representative for B.C. & Yukon.

Canadian Association of Elizabeth Fry Societies:

Kim Pate, Executive Director.

Cowichan Women Against Violence:

Tina Schoen, Program Supervisor, Somenos Transition House.

National Aboriginal Circle Against Family Violence:

Gasongi (Gina) Simon, Executive Director.

Bonnie Charron
Clerk of the Committee

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MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS

Meeting No. 12

Thursday, December 9, 2004

The Standing Committee on the Status of Women met in a televised session at 11:08 a.m. this day, in Room 253-D Centre Block, the Chair, Anita Neville, presiding.

Members of the Committee present: France Bonsant, Paule Brunelle, Jean Crowder, Nina Grewal, Susan Kadis, Russ Powers, Paddy Torsney and Lynne Yelich.

In attendance: Library of Parliament: Julie Cool, Analyst.

Witnesses: Amnesty International (Canada): Cheryl Hotchkiss, Women Human Rights Campaigner. *Canadian Association of Sexual Assault Centres:* Lee Lakeman, Regional Representative for B.C. & Yukon. *Canadian Association of Elizabeth Fry Societies:* Kim Pate, Executive Director. *Cowichan Women Against Violence:* Tina Schoen, Program Supervisor, Somenos Transition House. *National Aboriginal Circle Against Family Violence:* Gasongi (Gina) Simon, Executive Director.

Pursuant to Standing Order 108(2), the Committee resumed its study on Roundtables to explore the concerns of women's organizations and equality-seeking organizations.

The witnesses made statements and answered questions.

At 12:57 p.m., the Committee adjourned to the call of the Chair.

Bonnie Charron
Clerk of the Committee

2004/12/09 3:30 p.m.

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STANDING COMMITTEE ON THE STATUS OF WOMEN

Chair: Anita Neville.

Meeting No. 13

Tuesday, December 14, 2004

ORDER OF THE DAY:

Pursuant to Standing Order 108(2), the Committee commenced its study on Roundtables to explore the concerns of women's organizations and equality-seeking organizations.

Pursuant to Standing Order 108(2), the Committee [proceeded to / resumed] a briefing session on [subject].

MEMBERS OF THE COMMITTEE PRESENT:

France Bonsant,
Paule Brunelle,
Jean Crowder,
Nina Grewal,
Helena Guergis,
Susán Kadis,
Anita Neville,
Russ Powers,
Paddy Torsney
and Lynne Yelich.

IN ATTENDANCE:

Library of Parliament:
Julie Cool, Analyst.

APPEARING:

Hon. John McCallum, Minister of National Revenue.

WITNESSES:

*Coalition nationale des organismes de femmes minorités raciales et
ethnoculturelles francophones:*

Maryan Bile, Member of the Steering Committee.

Canadian Feminist Alliance for International Action:

Shelagh Day, Chair, Human Rights Committee.

United Nations Platform for Action Committee Manitoba:

Elizabeth Sarin, Co-Chair.

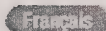
Needs Centre for War-Affected Families:

Margaret von Lau, Executive Director.

Privy Council Office:

Cynthia Binnington, Privy Council Officer, Expenditure Review
Committee.

Bonnie Charron
Clerk of the Committee



MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS

Meeting No. 13

Tuesday, December 14, 2004

The Standing Committee on the Status of Women met in a televised session at 11:05 a.m. this day, in Room 253-D Centre Block, the Chair, Anita Neville, presiding.

Members of the Committee present: France Bonsant, Paule Brunelle, Jean Crowder, Nina Grewal, Helena Guergis, Susan Kadis, Anita Neville, Russ Powers, Paddy Torsney and Lynne Yelich.

In attendance: Library of Parliament: Julie Cool, Analyst.

Appearing: Hon. John McCallum, Minister of National Revenue.

Witnesses: Coalition nationale des organismes de femmes minorités raciales et ethnoculturelles francophones: Maryan Bile, Member of the Steering Committee. *Canadian Feminist Alliance for International Action:* Shelagh Day, Chair, Human Rights Committee. *United Nations Platform for Action Committee Manitoba:* Elizabeth Sarin, Co-Chair. *Needs Centre for War-Affected Families:* Margaret von Lau, Executive Director. *Privy Council Office:* Cynthia Binnington, Privy Council Officer, Expenditure Review Committee.

At 12:12 p.m., the sitting was suspended.

At 12:19 p.m., the sitting resumed.

Pursuant to Standing Order 108(2), the Committee resumed its study on Roundtables to explore the concerns of women's organizations and equality-seeking organizations.

The witnesses made statements and answered questions.

Pursuant to Standing Order 108(2), the Committee proceeded to a briefing session on expenditure review.

The Minister and Cynthia Binnington made a statement and answered questions.

At 12:55 p.m., the Committee adjourned to the call of the Chair.

Bonnie Charron
Clerk of the Committee

2004/12/15 9:52 a.m.

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MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS

STANDING COMMITTEE ON THE STATUS OF WOMEN

Chair: Anita Neville, Lib.

Meeting No. 14

Tuesday, February 1, 2005

ORDERS OF THE DAY:

Pursuant to Standing Order 108(2), the Committee proceeded to a briefing session on funding through the Women's Program and discussion of core funding versus program funding.

The Committee proceeded to the consideration of matters related to Committee business.

MEMBERS OF THE COMMITTEE PRESENT:

France Bonsant,
Paule Brunelle,
Jean Crowder,
Nina Grewal,
Helena Guergis,
Susan Kadis,
Anita Neville,
Russ Powers,
Hon. Paddy Torsney
and Lynne Yelich.

IN ATTENDANCE:

Parliamentary Information and Research Service:
Julie Cool, Analyst.

WITNESSES:

Status of Women Canada:

Jackie Claxton, Director General, Women's Programs and
Regional Operations;
Florence Ievers, Coordinator;
Nanci-Jean Waugh, Director, Communications and Consultations.

Richard Rumas
Clerk of the Committee



MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS

Meeting No. 14

Tuesday, February 1, 2005

The Standing Committee on the Status of Women met at 3:36 p.m. this day, in Room 307 West Block, the Chair, Anita Neville, presiding.

Members of the Committee present: France Bonsant, Paule Brunelle, Jean Crowder, Nina Grewal, Helena Guergis, Susan Kadis, Anita Neville, Russ Powers, Paddy Torsney and Lynne Yelich.

In attendance: Parliamentary Information and Research Service: Julie Cool, Analyst.

Witnesses: Status of Women Canada: Jackie Claxton, Director General, Women's Programs and Regional Operations; Florence Ievers, Coordinator; Nanci-Jean Waugh, Director, Communications and Consultations.

Pursuant to Standing Order 108(2), the Committee proceeded to a briefing session on funding through the Women's Program and discussion of core funding versus program funding.

The witnesses made a statement and answered questions.

The Committee proceeded to the consideration of matters related to Committee business.

It was agreed, — That the meeting scheduled for Thursday, February 3, 2005, commence at 3:15 p.m. and be held *In Camera*.

At 5:16 p.m., the Committee adjourned to the call of the Chair.

Richard Rumas
Clerk of the Committee

2005/02/02 12:38 p.m.

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STANDING COMMITTEE ON THE STATUS OF WOMEN

Chair: Anita Neville, Lib.

Meeting No. 15

Thursday, February 3, 2005

IN CAMERA

MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS

Meeting No. 15

Thursday, February 3, 2005

Standing Committee on the Status of Women met *in camera* at 3:17 p.m. this day, in Room 112-N Centre Block, the Honourable Anita Neville, presiding.

Members of the Committee present: France Bonsant, Paule Brunelle, Jean Crowder, Nina Grewal, Helena Guergis, Susan Harris, Anita Neville, Russ Powers, Paddy Torsney and Lynne Yelich.

Attendance: Parliamentary Information and Research Service: Julie Cool, Analyst.

Pursuant to Standing Order 108(2), the Committee resumed its study on Roundtables to explore the concerns of women's organizations and equality-seeking organizations.

It was agreed, — That the proposed budget in the amount of \$ 50, 108, for the period of February 2005 to June 2005 be adopted and that the Chair present the said budget to the Liaison Committee.

The Committee reviewed the main themes arising from the roundtables and considered an action plan.

It was agreed, — That the Committee commence consideration of the subject of Gender Based Analysis and that the roundtables be organized by the Clerk of the Committee.

At 5:55 p.m., the Committee adjourned to the call of the Chair.

Richard Rumas
Clerk of the Committee

16/02/04 10:40 a.m.

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Chair: Anita Neville, Lib.

Meeting No. 16

Tuesday, February 8, 2005

ORDERS OF THE DAY:

The Committee proceeded to the consideration of matters related to Committee business.

Pursuant to Standing Order 108(2), the Committee proceeded to a briefing session on Beijing + 10.

MEMBERS OF THE COMMITTEE PRESENT:

France Bonsant
Paule Brunelle
Jean Crowder
Nina Grewal
Helena Guergis
Susan Kadis
Anita Neville
Russ Powers
Joy Smith
Hon. Paddy Torsney
Lynne Yelich.

ACTING MEMBER PRESENT:

Hon. Hedy Fry for Beth Phinney.

IN ATTENDANCE:

Parliamentary Information and Research Service:

Julie Cool, Analyst.

WITNESSES:

Department of Foreign Affairs:

Marie Gervais-Vidricaire, Director General, Global Issues Bureau;

Nell Stewart, Senior Advisor, Human Rights, Humanitarian Affairs
and International Women's Equality Division.

Status of Women Canada:

Sheila Regehr, Acting Director General, Policy and External
Relations Directorate;

Florence Ievers, Coordinator.

Richard Rumas
Clerk of the Committee

MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS

Meeting No. 16

Tuesday, February 8, 2005

The Standing Committee on the Status of Women met *in camera* at 3:25 p.m. this day, in Room 253-D Centre Block, the Chair, Anita Neville, presiding.

Members of the Committee present: France Bonsant, Paule Brunelle, Jean Crowder, Nina Grewal, Helena Guergis, Susan Kadis, Anita Neville, Russ Powers, Joy Smith, Paddy Torsney and Lynne Yelich.

Acting Members present: Hedy Fry for Beth Phinney.

In attendance: Parliamentary Information and Research Service: Julie Cool, Analyst.

Witnesses: Department of Foreign Affairs: Marie Gervais-Vidricaire, Director General, Global Issues Bureau; Nell Stewart, Senior Advisor, Human Rights, Humanitarian Affairs and International Women's Equality Division. *Status of Women Canada:* Sheila Regehr, Acting Director General, Policy and External Relations Directorate; Florence Ievers, Coordinator.

The Committee proceeded to the consideration of a draft report.

It was agreed, — That the draft report be adopted as the First Report of the Committee.

It was agreed, — That the Chair present the First Report to the House.

It was agreed, — That, pursuant to Standing Order 109, the Committee request that the Government table a comprehensive response to the report.

At 4:03 p.m., the sitting was suspended.

At 4:08 p.m., the sitting resumed in public session.

Pursuant to Standing Order 108(2), the Committee proceeded to a televised briefing session on Beijing + 10.

The witnesses made statements and answered questions.

At 5:22 p.m., the Committee adjourned to the call of the Chair.

Richard Rumas
Clerk of the Committee

2005/02/09 2:06 p.m.

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Chair: Anita Neville, Lib.

Meeting No. 17

Thursday, February 10, 2005

ORDER OF THE DAY:

Pursuant to Standing Order 108(2), the Committee proceeded to a briefing session on Gender-Based Analysis.

MEMBERS OF THE COMMITTEE PRESENT:

France Bonsant,
Paule Brunelle,
Jean Crowder,
Nina Grewal,
Susan Kadis,
Anita Neville,
Joy Smith,
Paddy Torsney
and Lynne Yelich.

IN ATTENDANCE:

Library of Parliament:
Julie Cool, Analyst.

WITNESSES:

Status of Women Canada:
Hélène Dwyer-Renaud, Director, Gender-Based Analysis;
Florence Ievers, Coordinator;
Nanci-Jean Waugh, Director, Communications and Consultations.

Richard Rumas
Clerk of the Committee

MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS

Meeting No. 17

Thursday, February 10, 2005

The Standing Committee on the Status of Women met at 3:15 p.m. this day, in Room 112-N Centre Block, the Chair, Anita Neville, presiding.

Members of the Committee present: France Bonsant, Paule Brunelle, Jean Crowder, Nina Grewal, Susan Kadis, Anita Neville, Joy Smith, Paddy Torsney and Lynne Yelich.

In attendance: Library of Parliament: Julie Cool, Analyst.

Witnesses: Status of Women Canada: Hélène Dwyer-Renaud, Gender-Based Analysis; Florence Ievers, Coordinator; Nanci-Jean Waugh, Director, Communications and Consultations.

Pursuant to Standing Order 108(2), the Committee proceeded to a briefing session on Gender-Based Analysis.

The witnesses made statements and answered questions.

At 4:23 p.m., the Committee adjourned to the call of the Chair.

Richard Rumas
Clerk of the Committee

2005/02/11 10:12 a.m.

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Chair: Anita Neville, Lib.

Meeting No. 18

Tuesday, February 15, 2005

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Comité permanent de la condition féminine se réunit aujourd'hui à huis clos à 15 h 23, dans la pièce 208 de l'édifice Ouest, sous la présidence de Anita Neville, présidente.

Membres du Comité présents : France Bonsant, Sarmite Bulte, Jean Crowder, Nina Grewal, Helena Guergis, Susan Kadis, Anita Neville, Paddy Torsney et Lynne Yelich.

Invités présents : *Bibliothèque du Parlement* : Julie Cool, analyste.

Invités : *À titre personnel* : Carmen Paquette, consultante en égalité entre les sexes. *Condition féminine Canada* : Nancy Waugh, directrice, Communications et consultations; Hélène Dwyer-Renaud, directeur, Analyse comparative entre les sexes.

Conformément à l'article 108(2) du Règlement, le Comité entreprend un atelier sur l'analyse comparative entre les sexes.

Les témoins font des déclarations et répondent aux questions.

À 15 h 02, le Comité s'ajourne jusqu'à nouvelle convocation de la présidence.

Le greffier du Comité,

Richard Rumas

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Chair: Anita Neville, Lib.

Meeting No. 19

Thursday, February 17, 2005

ORDERS OF THE DAY:

Pursuant to Standing Order 108(2), the Committee resumed its study on Gender-Based Analysis

The Committee proceeded to the consideration of matters related to Committee business

MEMBERS OF THE COMMITTEE PRESENT:

France Bonsant
Paule Brunelle
Hon. Sarmite Bulte
Jean Crowder
Nina Grewal
Susan Kadis
Anita Neville
Russ Powers
Hon. Paddy Torsney
Lynne Yelich

ACTING MEMBER PRESENT:

Hon. Maria Minna for Russ Powers

IN ATTENDANCE:

Library of Parliament:
Julie Cool, Analyst.

WITNESSES:

Department of Citizenship and Immigration:

Rosaline Frith, Acting Assistant Deputy Minister, Strategic Direction and Communications;

Sandra Harder, Director, Gender-Based Analysis, Strategic Policy and Partnerships Branch.

Richard Rumas
Clerk of the Committee

MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS

Meeting No. 19

Thursday, February 17, 2005

The Standing Committee on the Status of Women met at 3:17 p.m. this day, in Room 112-N Centre Block, the Chair, Anita Neville, presiding.

Members of the Committee present: France Bonsant, Paule Brunelle, Hon. Sarmite Bulte, Jean Crowder, Nina Grewal, Susan Kadis, Anita Neville, Russ Powers, Hon. Paddy Torsney and Lynne Yelich.

Acting Members present: Hon. Maria Minna for Russ Powers.

In attendance: Library of Parliament: Julie Cool, Analyst.

Witnesses: Department of Citizenship and Immigration: Rosaline Frith, Acting Assistant Deputy Minister, Strategic Direction and Communications; Sandra Harder, Director, Gender-Based Analysis, Strategic Policy and Partnership Branch.

Pursuant to Standing Order 108(2), the Committee resumed its study on Gender-Based Analysis.

The witnesses made statements and answered questions.

The Committee proceeded to the consideration of matters related to Committee business.

Jean Crowder moved, — That the Standing Committee on the Status of Women call on officials from the department of Justice to appear before the committee and answer questions on the government's response to the Pay Equity Task Force Final Report 2004.

Debate arose thereon.

After debate, it was agreed to postpone consideration of the motion pending additional information being obtained from the Department of Justice.

At 4:43 p.m., the Committee adjourned to the call of the Chair.

Richard Rumas
Clerk of the Committee

2005/02/22 1:07 p.m.

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Chair: Anita Neville, Lib.

Meeting No. 20

Tuesday, February 22, 2005

ORDER OF THE DAY:

Pursuant to Standing Order 108(2), the Committee resumed its study on Gender-Based Analysis.

MEMBERS OF THE COMMITTEE PRESENT:

France Bonsant,
Paule Brunelle,
Hon. Sarmite Bulte,
Jean Crowder,
Nina Grewal,
Susan Kadis,
Anita Neville,
Russ Powers,
Hon. Paddy Torsney
and Lynne Yelich.

IN ATTENDANCE:

Library of Parliament:
Julie Cool, Analyst.

WITNESSES:

Department of Social Development:
Robert Coulter, Director, Horizontal Initiatives and International
Relations, Policy and Strategic Direction.

Canadian International Development Agency:

Julie Delahanty, Acting Director, Gender Equality Division, Policy Branch.

Department of Human Resources and Skills Development:

Louise Galarneau, Director, International Relations;
Les Linklater, Director General, Strategy and Intergovernmental Resources.

Department of Social Development:

Deborah Tunis, Director General, Strategic Direction, Policy and Strategic Direction.

Richard Rumas
Clerk of the Committee

MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS

Meeting No. 20

Tuesday, February 22, 2005

The Standing Committee on the Status of Women met in a televised session at 3:22 p.m. this day, in Room 253-D Centre Block, the Chair, Anita Neville, presiding.

Members of the Committee present: France Bonsant, Paule Brunelle, Sarmite Bulte, Jean Crowder, Nina Grewal, Susan Kadis, Anita Neville, Russ Powers, Hon. Paddy Torsney and Lynne Yelich.

In attendance: Library of Parliament: Julie Cool, Analyst.

Witnesses: Department of Social Development: Robert Coulter, Director, Horizontal Initiatives and International Relations, Policy and Strategic Direction. *Canadian International Development Agency:* Julie Delahanty, Acting Director, Gender Equality Division, Policy Branch. *Department of Human Resources and Skills Development:* Louise Galarneau, Director, International Relations; Les Linklater, Director General, Strategy and Intergovernmental Resources. *Department of Social Development:* Deborah Tunis, Director General, Strategic Direction, Policy and Strategic Direction.

Pursuant to Standing Order 108(2), the Committee resumed its study on Gender-Based Analysis.

The witnesses made statements and answered questions.

At 4:57 p.m., the Committee adjourned to the call of the Chair.

Richard Rumas
Clerk of the Committee

2005/02/23 8:48 a.m.

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STANDING COMMITTEE ON THE STATUS OF WOMEN

Chair: Anita Neville, Lib.

Meeting No. 21

Thursday, February 24, 2005

ORDER OF THE DAY:

Pursuant to Standing Order 108(2), the Committee resumed its study on Gender-Based Analysis.

MEMBERS OF THE COMMITTEE PRESENT:

France Bonsant
Paule Brunelle
Jean Crowder
Helena Guergis
Anita Neville
Russ Powers
Joy Smith
Hon. Paddy Torsney
Lynne Yelich.

ACTING MEMBER PRESENT:

Michael John Savage for Susan Kadis.

IN ATTENDANCE:

Library of Parliament:
Julie Cool, Analyst.

WITNESSE:

Pauline Jewett Institute of Women's Studies:
Pauline Rankin, Professor.

Richard Rumas
Clerk of the Committee

MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS

Meeting No. 21

Thursday, February 24, 2005

The Standing Committee on the Status of Women met at 3:19 p.m. this day, in Room 112-N Centre Block, the Chair, Anita Neville, presiding.

Members of the Committee present: France Bonsant, Paule Brunelle, Jean Crowder, Helena Guergis, Anita Neville, Russ Powers, Joy Smith, Hon. Paddy Torsney and Lynne Yelich.

Acting Members present: Michael John Savage for Susan Kadis.

In attendance: Library of Parliament: Julie Cool, Analyst.

Witnesses: Pauline Jewett Institute of Women's Studies: Pauline Rankin, Professor.

Pursuant to Standing Order 108(2), the Committee resumed its study on Gender-Based Analysis.

The witness made a statement and answered questions.

At 4:25 p.m., the Committee adjourned to the call of the Chair.

Richard Rumas
Clerk of the Committee

2005/03/02 2:13 p.m.

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Chair: Anita Neville, Lib.

Meeting No. 22

Tuesday, March 8, 2005

ORDER OF THE DAY:

Pursuant to Standing Order 108(2), the Committee resumed its study on Gender-Based Analysis

MEMBERS OF THE COMMITTEE PRESENT:

France Bonsant
Paule Brunelle
Hon. Sarmite Bulte
Jean Crowder
Nina Grewal
Helena Guergis
Susan Kadis
Anita Neville
Russ Powers
Joy Smith
Lynne Yelich

IN ATTENDANCE:

Library of Parliament:
Julie Cool, Analyst.

WITNESSES:

Department of Justice:
Karen Green, Acting Executive Director, Corporate Services.

Department of Finance:
Louis Lévesque, Associate Deputy Minister.

Department of Health:

Deanna St. Prix-Alexander, Executive Director, Women's Health and
Gender Analysis Bureau;
Caroline Weber, Director General, Policy Planning and Priorities
Directorate, Health Policy Branch.

Richard Rumas
Clerk of the Committee

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Meeting No. 22

Tuesday, March 8, 2005

The Standing Committee on the Status of Women met at 3:21 p.m. this day, in Room 308 West Block, the Chair, Anita Neville, presiding.

Members of the Committee present: France Bonsant, Paule Brunelle, Sarmite Bulte, Jean Crowder, Nina Grewal, Helena Guergis, Susan Kadis, Anita Neville, Russ Powers, Joy Smith and Lynne Yelich.

In attendance: Library of Parliament: Julie Cool, Analyst.

Witnesses: Department of Justice: Karen Green, Acting Executive Director, Corporate Services.

Department of Finance: Louis Lévesque, Associate Deputy Minister. *Department of Health:* Deanna St. Prix-Alexander, Executive Director, Women's Health and Gender Analysis Bureau; Caroline Weber, Director General, Policy Planning and Priorities Directorate, Health Policy Branch.

Pursuant to Standing Order 108(2), the Committee resumed its study on Gender-Based Analysis.

The witnesses made statements and answered questions.

The Committee resumed consideration of the motion of Jean Crowder presented on February 17, 2005, — That the Standing committee on the Status of Women call on officials from the Department of Justice to appear before the committee and answer questions on the government's response to the Pay Equity Task Force Final Report 2004.

After discussion, consideration of the motion was postponed until May, 2005.

At 5:12 p.m., the Committee adjourned to the call of the Chair.

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Clerk of the Committee

2005/03/15 10:57 a.m.

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Chair: Anita Neville, Lib.

Meeting No. 23

Thursday, March 10, 2005

ORDER OF THE DAY:

Pursuant to Standing Order 108(2), the Committee resumed its study on Gender-Based Analysis.

MEMBERS OF THE COMMITTEE PRESENT:

France Bonsant,
Paule Brunelle,
Sarmite Bulte,
Jean Crowder,
Nina Grewal,
Helena Guergis,
Susan Kadis,
Russ Powers
and Lynne Yelich.

IN ATTENDANCE:

Library of Parliament:
Julie Cool, Analyst.

WITNESSES:

Canadian Human Rights Commission:

Mary Gusella, Chief Commissioner;
Kathryn Hamilton, Acting Director General, Employment Equity,
Policy and Outreach Branch;
Rhys Phillips, Director, Employment Equity, Policy and Outreach
Branch.

Mary Gusella made a statement and, with the other witnesses, answered questions.

Richard Rumas
Clerk of the Committee

MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS

Meeting No. 23

Thursday, March 10, 2005

The Standing Committee on the Status of Women met at 3:20 p.m. this day, in Room 112-N Centre Block, the Vice-chair, Nina Grewal, presiding.

Members of the Committee present: France Bonsant, Paule Brunelle, Sarmite Bulte, Jean Crowder, Nina Grewal, Helena Guergis, Susan Kadis, Russ Powers and Lynne Yelich.

In attendance: Library of Parliament: Julie Cool, Analyst.

Witnesses: Canadian Human Rights Commission: Mary Gusella, Chief Commissioner; Kathryn Hamilton, Acting Director General, Employment Equity, Policy and Outreach Branch; Rhys Phillips, Director, Employment Equity Policy and Legislation Branch.

Pursuant to Standing Order 108(2), the Committee resumed its study on Gender-Based Analysis.

Mary Gusella made a statement and, with the other witnesses, answered questions.

At 4:47 p.m., the Committee adjourned to the call of the Chair.

Richard Rumas
Clerk of the Committee

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Chair: Anita Neville, Lib.

Meeting No. 24

Tuesday, March 22, 2005

ORDER OF THE DAY:

Pursuant to Standing Order 108(2), the Committee resumed its study on Gender-Based Analysis.

MEMBERS OF THE COMMITTEE PRESENT:

France Bonsant,
Paule Brunelle,
Hon. Sarmite Bulte,
Jean Crowder,
Nina Grewal,
Susan Kadis,
Anita Neville,
Russ Powers,
Joy Smith
and Lynne Yelich.

IN ATTENDANCE:

Library of Parliament:
Julie Cool, Analyst;
Lydia Scratch, Analyst.

WITNESSES:

Privy Council Office:

Joan Atkinson, Assistant Secretary to the Cabinet, Social
Development Policy.

Public Service Human Resources Management Agency of Canada:

Monique Boudrias, Executive Vice-President.

Treasury Board of Canada Secretariat:

Ruth Dantzer, Associate Secretary;

Hélène Laurendeau, Assistant Secretary, Labour Relations &
Compensation Operations;

Daphne Meredith, Assistant secretary, Corporate Priorities and
Planning.

Richard Rumas
Clerk of the Committee



MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS

Meeting No. 24

Tuesday, March 22, 2005

The Standing Committee on the Status of Women met at 3:23 p.m. this day, in Room 209 West Block, the Chair, Anita Neville, presiding.

Members of the Committee present: France Bonsant, Paule Brunelle, Sarmite Bulte, Jean Crowder, Nina Grewal, Susan Kadis, Anita Neville, Russ Powers, Joy Smith and Lynne Yelich.

In attendance: Library of Parliament: Julie Cool, Analyst; Lydia Scratch, Analyst.

Witnesses: Privy Council Office: Joan Atkinson, Assistant Secretary to the Cabinet, Social Development Policy. *Public Service Human Resources Management Agency of Canada:* Monique Boudrias, Executive Vice-President. *Treasury Board of Canada Secretariat:* Ruth Dantzer, Associate Secretary; Hélène Laurendeau, Assistant Secretary, Labour Relations & Compensation Operations; Daphne Meredith, Assistant secretary, Corporate Priorities and Planning.

Pursuant to Standing Order 108(2), the Committee resumed its study on Gender-Based Analysis.

The witnesses made statements and answered questions.

At 5:18 p.m., the Committee adjourned to the call of the Chair.

Richard Rumas
Clerk of the Committee

2005/03/23 1:25 p.m.

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STANDING COMMITTEE ON THE STATUS OF WOMEN

Chair: Anita Neville, Lib.

Meeting No. 25

Tuesday, April 5, 2005

IN CAMERA

MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS

Meeting No. 25

Monday, April 5, 2005

The Standing Committee on the Status of Women met *in camera* at 3:26 p.m. this day, in Room 308 West Block, the Parliament Building, Ottawa, Ontario, Canada, Anita Neville, presiding.

Members of the Committee present: France Bonsant, Paule Brunelle, Hon. Sarmite Bulte, Jean Crowder, Helena Guergis, Anita Neville, Russ Powers, Joy Smith and Lynne Yelich.

Attendance: Library of Parliament: Julie Cool, Analyst; Nancy Miller Chenier, Analyst.

The Committee proceeded to the consideration of matters related to Committee business.

The Committee agreed, — That the Committee convene a roundtable meeting on the issue of core funding of women's programs.

At 5:27 p.m., the Committee adjourned to the call of the Chair.

Richard Rumas
Clerk of the Committee

11/04/06 10:35 a.m.

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Chair: Anita Neville, Lib.

Meeting No. 26

Thursday, April 7, 2005

ORDER OF THE DAY:

Pursuant to Standing Order 81(4), the Committee commenced consideration of the Main Estimates 2005-2006: Votes 110 and 115 under Canadian Heritage (Status of Women - Office of the Coordinator), referred to the Committee on Friday, February 25, 2005.

MEMBERS OF THE COMMITTEE PRESENT:

Jean Crowder,
Helena Guergis,
Susan Kadis,
Anita Neville,
Russ Powers,
Joy Smith
and Lynne Yelich.

ACTING MEMBERS PRESENT:

Raymonde Folco for Hon. Sarmite Bulte,
Hon. Marlene Jennings for Hon. Paddy Torsney,
and Carole Lavallée for France Bonsant.

IN ATTENDANCE:

Library of Parliament:
Julie Cool, Analyst;
Nancy Miller Chenier, Analyst.

APPEARING:

Hon. Liza Frulla, Minister responsible for Status of Women.

WITNESSES:

Status of Women Canada:

Florence Ievers, Coordinator;

Hélène Dwyer-Renaud, Director, Gender-Based Analysis
Directorate;

Guylaine Metayer, Director, Corporate Services;

Nanci-Jean Waugh, Director, Communications and Consultations.

Richard Rumas
Clerk of the Committee

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Meeting No. 26

Thursday, April 7, 2005

The Standing Committee on the Status of Women met in a televised session at 3:26 p.m. this day, in Room 253-D Centre Block, the Chair, Anita Neville, presiding.

Members of the Committee present: Jean Crowder, Helena Guergis, Susan Kadis, Anita Neville, Russ Powers, Joy Smith and Lynne Yelich.

Acting Members present: Raymonde Folco for Hon. Sarmite Bulte, Hon. Marlene Jennings for Hon. Paddy Torsney and Carole Lavallée for France Bonsant.

In attendance: Library of Parliament: Julie Cool, Analyst; Nancy Miller Chenier, Analyst.

Appearing: Hon. Liza Frulla, Minister responsible for Status of Women.

Witnesses: Status of Women Canada: Florence Ievers, Coordinator; Hélène Dwyer-Renaud, Director, Gender-Based Analysis Directorate; Guylaine Metayer, Director, Corporate Services; Nanci-Jean Waugh, Director, Communications and Consultations.

Pursuant to Standing Order 108(2), the Committee resumed its study on Gender-Based Analysis and pursuant to Standing Order 81(4), the Committee commenced consideration of the Main Estimates 2005-2006: Votes 110 and 115 under Canadian Heritage (Status of Women - Office of the Co-ordinator), referred to the Committee on Friday, February 25, 2005 .

The Minister made a statement and with the witnesses answered questions.

At 4:45 p.m., the Committee adjourned to the call of the Chair.

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Clerk of the Committee

2005/04/08 11:54 a.m.

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Chair: Anita Neville, Lib.

Meeting No. 27

Tuesday, April 12, 2005

IN CAMERA

MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS

Meeting No. 27

Tuesday, April 12, 2005

The Standing Committee on the Status of Women met *in camera* at 3:25 p.m. this day, in Room 209 West Block, the Chair, Anita Neville, presiding.

Members of the Committee present: France Bonsant, Paule Brunelle, Hon. Sarmite Bulte, Jean Crowder, Nina Grewal, Helena Guergis, Susan Kadis, Anita Neville, Russ Powers, Joy Smith, Hon. Paddy Torsney and Lynne Yelich.

In attendance: Library of Parliament: Julie Cool, Analyst; Nancy Miller Chenier, Analyst; Lydia Scratch, Analyst.

Pursuant to Standing Order 108(2), the Committee commenced consideration of a draft report on Gender-Based Analysis.

At 4:15 p.m., the Committee adjourned to the call of the Chair.

Richard Rumas
Clerk of the Committee

2005/04/26 11:03 a.m.

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Chair: Anita Neville, Lib.

Meeting No. 28

Thursday, April 14, 2005

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Meeting No. 28

Thursday, April 14, 2005

The Standing Committee on the Status of Women met *in camera* at 3:18 p.m. this day, in Room 112-N Centre Block, the Chair, Anita Neville, presiding.

Members of the Committee present: France Bonsant, Paule Brunelle, Jean Crowder, Helena Guergis, Anita Neville, Russ Powers, Joy Smith, Hon. Paddy Torsney and Lynne Yelich.

Acting Members present: Françoise Boivin for Susan Kadis.

Other Members present: Massimo Pacetti.

In attendance: Library of Parliament: Julie Cool, Analyst; Nancy Miller Chenier, Analyst.

Pursuant to Standing Order 108(2), the Committee resumed consideration of a draft report on Gender-Based Analysis.

It was agreed, — That the draft report, be adopted as the Second Report of the Committee.

It was agreed, — That, pursuant to Standing Order 109, the Committee request that the Government table a comprehensive response to the report.

It was agreed, — That the Chair present the Second Report to the House.

It was agreed, — That the Chair, Clerk and Analysts be authorized to make such grammatical and editorial changes as may be necessary without changing the substance of the report.

It was agreed, — That the Clerk and Analysts in consultation with the Chair, issue a news release.

At 4:14 p.m., the Committee adjourned to the call of the Chair.

Richard Rumas
Clerk of the Committee

2005/04/15 11:45 a.m.

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Chair: Anita Neville, Lib.

Meeting No. 29

Tuesday, April 19, 2005

IN CAMERA

MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS

Meeting No. 29

Tuesday, April 19, 2005

The Standing Committee on the Status of Women met *in camera* at 3:35 p.m. this day, in Room 536 Wellington Building, the Chair, Anita Neville, presiding.

Members of the Committee present: France Bonsant, Hon. Sarmite Bulte, Jean Crowder, Nina Grewal, Susan Kadis, Anita Neville, Russ Powers, Joy Smith and Hon. Paddy Torsney.

In attendance: Library of Parliament: Julie Cool, Analyst; Lydia Scratch, Analyst.

The Committee proceeded to the consideration of matters related to Committee business.

It was agreed, — That the Committee hold two meetings on the issue of core-funding; that grassroots women's organizations be invited to the first meeting and that umbrella women's organizations be invited to the second meeting; that each organization be limited to one presenter and that opening statements be limited to one minute.

At 4:20 p.m., the Committee adjourned to the call of the Chair.

Richard Rumas
Clerk of the Committee

2005/04/20 10:25 a.m.

MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS

STANDING COMMITTEE ON THE STATUS OF WOMEN

Chair: Anita Neville, Lib.

Meeting No. 30

Tuesday, May 3, 2005

ORDER OF THE DAY:

Pursuant to Standing Order 108(2) [and the motion adopted by the Committee on [date referred]], the Committee resumed its study of Core Funding.

MEMBERS OF THE COMMITTEE PRESENT:

France Bonsant
Paule Brunelle
Hon. Sarmite Bulte
Jean Crowder
Nina Grewal
Anita Neville
Russ Powers
Joy Smith
Hon. Paddy Torsney
Lynne Yelich.

ACTING MEMBER PRESENT:

Nancy Karetak-Lindell for Susan Kadis.

IN ATTENDANCE:

Library of Parliament:
Julie Cool, Analyst.

WITNESSES:

B.C. Rural Women's Network:

Debra Critchley, Coordinator, Vernon and District Women's Centre Society.

Philippine Women's Centre of B.C.:

Cecilia Diocson-Sayo, Executive Director.

Association féminine d'éducation et d'action sociale:

Lise Girard, Secretary-General.

Coalition of Provincial and Territorial Advisory Councils on the Status of Women:

Joyce Hancock, President, Newfoundland and Labrador Advisory Council on the Status of Women.

Native Women's Association of Canada:

Beverley Jacobs, President.

Coalition for Women's Equality:

Kathy Marshall, Executive Director, Womenspace.

Women's Network Office:

Laurie Ann McCardle, Executive Director, Women's Network of Prince Edward Island.

Women's Economic Equality (WEE) Society:

Doreen Parsons, Managing Coordinator.

Child Care Coalition of Manitoba:

Susan Prentice, Member, Steering Committee.

Women's Enterprise Centre:

Bev Suek, Chief Executive Officer.

Wolseley Family Place:

Sharon Taylor, Executive Director.

Richard Rumas
Clerk of the Committee

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Meeting No. 30

Tuesday, May 3, 2005

The Standing Committee on the Status of Women met in a televised session at 3:35 p.m. this day, in Room 253-D Centre Block, the Chair, Anita Neville, presiding.

Members of the Committee present: France Bonsant, Paule Brunelle, Hon. Sarmite Bulte, Jean Crowder, Nina Grewal, Anita Neville, Russ Powers, Joy Smith, Hon. Paddy Torsney and Lynne Yelich.

Acting Members present: Nancy Karetak-Lindell for Susan Kadis.

In attendance: Library of Parliament: Julie Cool, Analyst.

Witnesses: B.C. Rural Women's Network: Debra Critchley, Coordinator, Vernon and District Women's Centre Society. *Philippine Women's Centre of B.C.:* Cecilia Diocson-Sayo, Executive Director. *Association féminine d'éducation et d'action sociale:* Lise Girard, Secretary-General. *Coalition of Provincial and Territorial Advisory Councils on the Status of Women:* Joyce Hancock, President, Newfoundland and Labrador Advisory Council on the Status of Women. *Native Women's Association of Canada:* Beverley Jacobs, President. *Coalition for Women's Equality:* Kathy Marshall, Executive Director, Womenspace. *Women's Network Office:* Laurie Ann McCardle, Executive Director, Women's Network of P.E.I.. *Women's Economic Equality (WEE) Society:* Doreen Parsons, Managing Coordinator. *Child Care Coalition of Manitoba:* Susan Prentice, Member, Steering Committee. *Women's Enterprise Centre:* Bev Suck, Chief Executive Officer. *Wolseley Family Place:* Sharon Taylor, Executive Director.

Pursuant to Standing Order 108(2) and the motion adopted by the Committee on April 19, 2005, the Committee commenced its study of Core Funding.

The witnesses made statements and answered questions.

At 6:30 p.m., the Committee adjourned to the call of the Chair.

Richard Rumas
Clerk of the Committee

2005/05/04 10:14 a.m.

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Chair: Anita Neville, Lib.

Meeting No. 31

Tuesday, May 10, 2005

ORDER OF THE DAY:

The Committee proceeded to the consideration of matters related to Committee business.

Pursuant to Standing Order 108(2) [and the motion adopted by the Committee on [date referred]], the Committee [commenced / resumed] its study of Core Funding.

MEMBERS OF THE COMMITTEE PRESENT:

France Bonsant,
Paule Brunelle,
Hon. Sarmite Bulte,
Jean Crowder,
Nina Grewal,
Susan Kadis,
Anita Neville,
Russ Powers,
Hon. Paddy Torsney
and Lynne Yelich.

IN ATTENDANCE:

Library of Parliament:
Julie Cool, Analyst;
Lydia Scratch, Analyst.

WITNESSES:

Voluntary Sector Forum:

Darlene Bessey, Vice-Chair.

Fédération des femmes du Québec:

Danielle Hébert, Executive Director.

Canadian Labour Congress:

Penni Richmond, National Director, Women's and Human Rights
Department.

Canadian Council on Social Development:

Katherine Scott, Vice-President, Research.

Relais-Femmes:

Charlotte Thibault, Member, Forum du secteur bénévole et
communautaire.

Richard Rumas
Clerk of the Committee

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Meeting No. 31

Tuesday, May 10, 2005

The Standing Committee on the Status of Women met in a televised session at 3:17 p.m. this day, in Room 269 West Block, the Chair, Anita Neville, presiding.

Members of the Committee present: France Bonsant, Paule Brunelle, Hon. Sarmite Bulte, Jean Crowder, Nina Grewal, Susan Kadis, Anita Neville, Russ Powers, Hon. Paddy Torsney and Lynne Yelich.

In attendance: Library of Parliament: Julie Cool, Analyst; Lydia Scratch, Analyst.

Witnesses: Voluntary Sector Forum: Darlene Bessey, Vice-Chair. *Fédération des femmes du Québec:* Danielle Hébert, Executive Director. *Canadian Labour Congress:* Penni Richmond, National Director, Women's and Human Rights Department. *Canadian Council on Social Development:* Katherine Scott, Vice-President, Research. *Relais-Femmes:* Charlotte Thibault, Member, Forum du secteur bénévole et communautaire.

The Committee proceeded to the consideration of matters related to Committee business.

The Chair presented a draft Operational Budget.

On motion of Russ Powers, it was agreed, — That the Committee Operational Budget in the amount of \$39,650 be adopted.

The Committee resumed consideration of the Notice of Motion of Jean Crowder of February 11, 2005, — That the Standing Committee on the Status of Women call on officials from the department of Justice to appear before the committee and answer questions on the governments response to the Pay Equity Task Force Final Report 2004.

After debate, the motion was agreed to.

The Committee considered a draft work plan for future meetings

After debate, on motion of the Hon. Paddy Torsney, it was agreed, — That the Committee meet as follows:

May 12 – Consideration of testimony on core-funding

May 17 – Follow-up on Pay Equity Task Force Final Report 2004

May 19 - Follow-up on Pay Equity Task Force Final Report 2004

May 31 – Parental Benefits

June 2 – Parental Benefits

June 7 – Consideration of testimony on pay equity and parental benefits

Pursuant to Standing Order 108(2) and the motion adopted by the Committee on April 19, 2005, the Committee resumed its study of Core Funding.

The witnesses made statements and answered questions.

At 5:04 p.m., the Committee adjourned to the call of the Chair.

Richard Rumas
Clerk of the Committee

2005/05/11 2:54 p.m.

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STANDING COMMITTEE ON THE STATUS OF WOMEN

Chair: Anita Neville, Lib.

Meeting No. 32

Tuesday, May 17, 2005

ORDERS OF THE DAY:

Pursuant to Standing Order 108(2) and the motion adopted by the Committee on May 10, 2005, the Committee resumed its study of Pay Equity.

MEMBERS OF THE COMMITTEE PRESENT:

France Bonsant,
Paule Brunelle,
Jean Crowder,
Nina Grewal,
Helena Guergis,
Susan Kadis,
Anita Neville,
Russ Powers,
Joy Smith
and Hon. Paddy Torsney.

IN ATTENDANCE:

Library of Parliament:
Julie Cool, Analyst;
Lydia Scratch, Analyst.

WITNESS:

As an Individual:

Beth Bilson, Former Chair, Pay Equity Task Force.

Richard Rumas
Clerk of the Committee



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Meeting No. 32

Tuesday, May 17, 2005

The Standing Committee on the Status of Women met at 3:33 p.m. this day, in Room 209 West Block, the Vice-chair, Nina Grewal, presiding.

Members of the Committee present: France Bonsant, Paule Brunelle, Jean Crowder, Nina Grewal, Helena Guergis, Susan Kadis, Anita Neville, Russ Powers, Joy Smith and Hon. Paddy Torsney.

In attendance: Library of Parliament: Julie Cool, Analyst; Lydia Scratch, Analyst.

Witnesses: As an Individual: Beth Bilson, Former Chair, Pay Equity Task Force.

Pursuant to Standing Order 108(2) and the motion adopted by the Committee on May 10, 2005, the Committee commenced its study of Pay Equity.

The witness made a statement and answered questions.

At 4:52 p.m., the sitting was suspended.

At 4:58 p.m., the sitting resumed *in camera*.

The Committee commenced consideration of a draft report, the Chair, Anita Neville, presiding.

It was agreed, — That the draft report be adopted in principal as the Third Report of the Committee, subject to the Chair's consultations with the Members concerning changes and translation..

It was agreed, — That after consultations and with agreement of the Members the Chair present the Third Report to the House..

It was agreed, — That, pursuant to Standing Order 109, the Committee request that the Government table a comprehensive response to the report..

At 5:23 p.m., the Committee adjourned to the call of the Chair.

Richard Rumas
Clerk of the Committee

2005/05/18 10:04 a.m.

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STANDING COMMITTEE ON THE STATUS OF WOMEN

Chair: Anita Neville, Lib.

Meeting No. 33

Thursday, May 19, 2005

ORDER OF THE DAY:

Pursuant to Standing Order 108(2) [and the motion adopted by the Committee on [date referred]], the Committee [commenced / resumed] its study of Pay Equity.

MEMBERS OF THE COMMITTEE PRESENT:

France Bonsant,
Paule Brunelle,
Hon. Sarmite Bulte,
Jean Crowder,
Susan Kadis,
Anita Neville,
Russ Powers,
Joy Smith
and Hon. Paddy Torsney.

IN ATTENDANCE:

Library of Parliament:
Julie Cool, Analyst;
Lydia Scratch, Analyst.

WITNESSES:

National Association of Women and the Law:
Andrée Côté, Director, Legislation and Law Reform.

Canadian Labour Congress:

Sue Genge, National Representative, Women's and Human Rights
Department.

Richard Rumas
Clerk of the Committee



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Meeting No. 33

Thursday, May 19, 2005

The Standing Committee on the Status of Women met at 3:24 p.m. this day, in Room 209 West Block, the Chair, Anita Neville, presiding.

Members of the Committee present: France Bonsant, Paule Brunelle, Hon. Sarmite Bulte, Jean Crowder, Susan Kadis, Anita Neville, Russ Powers, Joy Smith and Hon. Paddy Torsney.

In attendance: Library of Parliament: Julie Cool, Analyst; Lydia Scratch, Analyst.

Witnesses: National Association of Women and the Law: Andrée Côté, Director, Legislation and Law Reform. *Canadian Labour Congress:* Sue Genge, National Representative, Women's and Human Rights Department.

Pursuant to Standing Order 108(2) and the motion adopted by the Committee on May 10, 2005, the Committee resumed its study of Pay Equity.

The witnesses made statements and answered questions.

On motion of Jean Crowder, it was agreed, — That the Committee recommend that the Minister of Justice, supported by the Minister of Labour, introduce draft pay equity legislation to implement the recommendations of the Pay Equity Task Force Report, by June 23, 2005.

At 4:37 p.m., the sitting was suspended.

At 4:37 p.m., the sitting resumed *in camera*.

The Committee considered matters related to its Third Report.

At 4:42 p.m., the Committee adjourned to the call of the Chair.

Richard Rumas
Clerk of the Committee

2005/05/24 9:59 a.m.

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STANDING COMMITTEE ON THE STATUS OF WOMEN

Chair: Anita Neville. Lib.

Meeting No. 34

Tuesday, May 31, 2005

ORDER OF THE DAY:

Pursuant to Standing Order 108(2) and the motion adopted by the Committee on May 10, 2005, the Committee [commenced / resumed] its study of Parental benefits for self-employed workers.

MEMBERS OF THE COMMITTEE PRESENT:

France Bonsant,
Paule Brunelle,
Jean Crowder,
Nina Grewal,
Susan Kadis,
Anita Neville,
Russ Powers,
Joy Smith,
Hon. Paddy Torsney
and Lynne Yelich.

IN ATTENDANCE:

Library of Parliament:
Julie Cool, Analyst.

WITNESSES:

Fédération des femmes du Québec:

Jennifer Beeman, Member.

Women's Network Prince Edward Island:

Michelle Genge Harris, Communications Officer;

Laurie Ann McCardle, Executive Director.

Richard Rumas
Clerk of the Committee

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Meeting No. 34

Tuesday, May 31, 2005

The Standing Committee on the Status of Women met at 3:35 p.m. this day, in Room 209 West Block, the Chair, Anita Neville, presiding.

Members of the Committee present: France Bonsant, Paule Brunelle, Jean Crowder, Nina Grewal, Susan Kadis, Anita Neville, Russ Powers, Joy Smith, Hon. Paddy Torsney and Lynne Yelich.

In attendance: Library of Parliament: Julie Cool, Analyst.

Witnesses: Fédération des femmes du Québec: Jennifer Beeman, Member. *Women's Network Prince Edward Island:* Michelle Genge Harris, Communications Officer; Laurie Ann McCardle, Executive Director.

Pursuant to Standing Order 108(2) and the motion adopted by the Committee on May 10, 2005, the Committee commenced its study of Parental benefits for self-employed workers.

The witnesses made statements and answered questions.

On motion of Russ Powers, it was agreed, — That the Committee authorize the Chair to provide hospitality on Wednesday, June 1, 2005, for a visiting delegation of Russians.

At 4:40 p.m., the Committee adjourned to the call of the Chair.

Richard Rumas
Clerk of the Committee

2005/06/01 10:20 a.m.

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Chair: Anita Neville, Lib.

Meeting No. 35

Thursday, June 2, 2005

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Meeting No. 35

Thursday, June 2, 2005

The Standing Committee on the Status of Women met *in camera* at 3:17 p.m. this day, in Room 112-N Centre Block, the Vice-chair, Nina Grewal, presiding.

Members of the Committee present: France Bonsant, Paule Brunelle, Jean Crowder, Nina Grewal, Susan Kadis, Joy Smith and Lynne Yelich.

Acting Members present: Lloyd St. Amand for Russ Powers.

In attendance: Library of Parliament: Julie Cool, Analyst; Lydia Scratch, Analyst.

The Committee proceeded to the consideration of matters related to Committee business.

At 3:38 p.m., the Committee adjourned to the call of the Chair.

Richard Rumas
Clerk of the Committee

2005/06/03 2:33 p.m.

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Chair: Anita Neville. Lib.

Meeting No. 36

Tuesday, June 7, 2005

ORDER OF THE DAY:

Pursuant to Standing Order 108(2) and the motion adopted by the Committee on May 10, 2005, the Committee [commenced / resumed] its study of Parental benefits for self-employed workers.

MEMBERS OF THE COMMITTEE PRESENT:

France Bonsant,
Paule Brunelle,
Hon. Sarmite Bulte,
Jean Crowder,
Nina Grewal,
Susan Kadis,
Anita Neville,
Russ Powers
and Hon. Paddy Torsney.

ACTING MEMBERS PRESENT:

Andrew Scheer for Lynne Yelich.

IN ATTENDANCE:

Library of Parliament:
Julie Cool, Analyst;
Lydia Scratch, Analyst.

WITNESSES:

Department of Human Resources and Skills Development:

Bill James, Director General, Employment Insurance Policy;
Myriam Paré, A/Director, Policy Development - Employment
Insurance Policy.

Bill James made a statement and, with the other witness, answered questions.

Mark D'Amore
Committee Clerk

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MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS

Meeting No. 36

Tuesday, June 7, 2005

The Standing Committee on the Status of Women met at 3:31 p.m. this day, in Room 209 West Block, the Chair, Anita Neville, presiding.

Members of the Committee present: France Bonsant, Paule Brunelle, Hon. Sarmite Bulte, Jean Crowder, Nina Grewal, Susan Kadis, Anita Neville, Russ Powers and Hon. Paddy Torsney.

Acting Members present: Andrew Scheer for Lynne Yelich.

In attendance: Library of Parliament: Julie Cool, Analyst; Lydia Scratch, Analyst.

Witnesses: Department of Human Resources and Skills Development: Bill James, Director General, Employment Insurance Policy; Myriam Paré, A/Director, Policy Development - Employment Insurance Policy.

Pursuant to Standing Order 108(2) and the motion adopted by the Committee on May 10, 2005, the Committee resumed its study of Parental benefits for self-employed workers.

Bill James made a statement and, with the other witness, answered questions.

At 5:08 p.m., the Committee adjourned to the call of the Chair.

Mark D'Amore
Committee Clerk

2005/06/08 9:05 a.m.

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Chair: Anita Neville. Lib.

Meeting No. 37

Thursday, June 9, 2005

ORDER OF THE DAY:

Pursuant to Standing Order 108(2) and the motion adopted by the Committee on May 10, 2005, the Committee [commenced / resumed] its study of Parental benefits for self-employed workers.

Pursuant to Standing Order 108(2) [and the motion adopted by the Committee on [date referred]], the Committee [commenced / resumed] its study of Pay Equity.

MEMBERS OF THE COMMITTEE PRESENT:

Paule Brunelle,
Jean Crowder,
Helena Guergis,
Anita Neville,
Russ Powers,
Joy Smith
and Hon. Paddy Torsney.

ACTING MEMBERS PRESENT:

Meili Faille for France Bonsant,
Carol Skelton for Nina Grewal,
and Lloyd St. Amand for Susan Kadis.

IN ATTENDANCE:

Library of Parliament:
Julie Cool, Analyst.

WITNESSES:

Women Entrepreneurs of Canada:
Soma Ray-Ellis, Member.

Richard Rumas
Clerk of the Committee

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Meeting No. 37

Thursday, June 9, 2005

The Standing Committee on the Status of Women met at 3:21 p.m. this day, in Room 112-N Centre Block, the Chair, Anita Neville, presiding.

Members of the Committee present: Paule Brunelle, Jean Crowder, Helena Guergis, Anita Neville, Russ Powers, Joy Smith and Hon. Paddy Torsney.

Acting Members present: Meili Faille for France Bonsant, Carol Skelton for Nina Grewal and Lloyd St. Amand for Susan Kadis.

In attendance: Library of Parliament: Julie Cool, Analyst.

Witnesses: Women Entrepreneurs of Canada: Soma Ray-Ellis, Member.

Pursuant to Standing Order 108(2) and the motion adopted by the Committee on May 10, 2005, the Committee resumed its study of Parental benefits for self-employed workers.

The witness made a statement and answered questions.

At 4:18 p.m., the sitting was suspended.

At 4:19 p.m., the sitting resumed *in camera*.

Pursuant to Standing Order 108(2), the Committee commenced its consideration of a Draft Report on Pay Equity.

It was agreed, — That the draft report be adopted as the Fourth Report of the Committee.

It was agreed, — That the Chair present the Fourth report to the House.

It was agreed, — That, pursuant to Standing Order 109, the Committee request that the Government table a comprehensive response to the report.

It was agreed, — That the Clerk of the Committee, in consultation with the Chair, issue a news release.

It was agreed, — That the Chair be authorized to provide hospitality for Committee activities.

At 4:35 p.m., the Committee adjourned to the call of the Chair.

Richard Rumas
Clerk of the Committee

2005/06/13 10:06 a.m.

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HOUSE OF COMMONS OF CANADA
38th PARLIAMENT, 1st SESSION

MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS
STANDING COMMITTEE ON THE STATUS OF WOMEN

Chair: Anita Neville, Lib.

Meeting No. 38

Tuesday, June 14, 2005

ORDERS OF THE DAY:

Pursuant to Standing Order 108(2) and the motion adopted by the Committee on May 10, 2005, the Committee resumed its study of Parental benefits for self-employed workers.

MEMBERS OF THE COMMITTEE PRESENT:

France Bonsant,
Paule Brunelle,
Nina Grewal,
Helena Guergis,
Susan Kadis,
Anita Neville,
Russ Powers,
Joy Smith,
Hon. Paddy Torsney
and Lynne Yelich.

IN ATTENDANCE:

Library of Parliament:
Julie Cool, Analyst;
Lydia Scratch, Analyst.

WITNESS:

University of Alberta:

Karen Hughes, Asosciate Professor, Faculty of Arts.

Richard Rumas
Clerk of the Committee

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Meeting No. 38

Tuesday, June 14, 2005

The Standing Committee on the Status of Women met at 3:29 p.m. this day, in Room 269 West Block, the Chair, Anita Neville, presiding.

Members of the Committee present: France Bonsant, Paule Brunelle, Nina Grewal, Helena Guergis, Susan Kadis, Anita Neville, Russ Powers, Joy Smith, Hon. Paddy Torsney and Lynne Yelich.

In attendance: Library of Parliament: Julie Cool, Analyst; Lydia Scratch, Analyst.

Witnesses: University of Alberta: Karen Hughes, Associate Professor, Faculty of Arts.

Pursuant to Standing Order 108(2) and the motion adopted by the Committee on May 10, 2005, the Committee resumed its study of Parental benefits for self-employed workers.

The witness made a statement and answered questions.

At 4:39 p.m., the Committee adjourned to the call of the Chair.

Richard Rumas
Clerk of the Committee

2005/06/15 8:50 a.m.

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MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS

STANDING COMMITTEE ON THE STATUS OF WOMEN

Chair: Anita Neville, Lib.

Meeting No. 39

Tuesday, June 21, 2005

ORDER OF THE DAY:

Pursuant to Standing Orders 110 and 111, the Committee [commenced / resumed] consideration of the certificate of nomination of [name] to the position of [position] which was referred to the Committee on Friday, June 17, 2005.

The Committee proceeded to the consideration of matters related to Committee business.

MEMBERS OF THE COMMITTEE PRESENT:

France Bonsant,
Paule Brunelle,
Hon. Sarmite Bulte,
Jean Crowder,
Nina Grewal,
Helena Guergis,
Susan Kadis,
Anita Neville,
Russ Powers,
Joy Smith,
Hon. Paddy Torsney
and Lynne Yelich.

IN ATTENDANCE:

Library of Parliament:

Julie Cool, Analyst;

Lydia Scratch, Analyst.

WITNESSES:

Status of Women Canada:

Florence Ievers, Coordinator.

Richard Rumas
Clerk of the Committee

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Meeting No. 39

Tuesday, June 21, 2005

The Standing Committee on the Status of Women met at 3:30 p.m. this day, in Room 269 West Block, the Chair, Anita Neville, presiding.

Members of the Committee present: France Bonsant, Paule Brunelle, Hon. Sarmité Bulte, Jean Crowder, Nina Grewal, Helena Guergis, Susan Kadis, Anita Neville, Russ Powers, Joy Smith, Hon. Paddy Torsney and Lynne Yelich.

In attendance: Library of Parliament: Julie Cool, Analyst; Lydia Scratch, Analyst.

Witnesses: Status of Women Canada: Florence Ievers, Coordinator.

Pursuant to Standing Orders 110 and 111, the Committee commenced consideration of the certificate of nomination of Florence Ievers to the position of Coordinator, Office of the Coordinator (Status of Women Canada) which was referred to the Committee on Friday, June 17, 2005.

Florence Ievers made a statement and answered questions.

On motion of Paddy Torsney, it was agreed, — That this Committee endorse the nomination of Florence Ievers as Coordinator, Office of the Coordinator (Status of Women Canada).

The Committee proceeded to the consideration of matters related to Committee business.

Helena Guergis moved, — That this Committee study ways in which Aboriginal women can be immediately guaranteed housing rights.

Debate arose thereon.

Paddy Torsney moved, — That the motion be amended by replacing the words after “Committee” with the words “encourage the government to act quickly on the recommendations contained in the Standing Committee on Aboriginal Affairs and Northern Development entitled Walking Arm-in Arm to Resolve the Issue of On-Reserve Matrimonial Real Property”

And the question being put on the amendment, it was agreed to

The motion, as amended, was agreed to.

At 5:10 p.m., the Committee adjourned to the call of the Chair.

Richard Rumas
Clerk of the Committee

2005/06/22 11:32 a.m.

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MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS
STANDING COMMITTEE ON THE STATUS OF WOMEN

Chair: Susan Kadis, Lib.

Meeting No. 40

Wednesday, September 28, 2005

ORDER OF THE DAY:

The Committee proceeded to the consideration of matters related to Committee business.

MEMBERS OF THE COMMITTEE PRESENT:

Hon. Sarmite Bulte
Jean Crowder
Nina Grewal
Helena Guergis
Susan Kadis
Anita Neville
Russ Powers
Joy Smith
Hon. Paddy Torsney
Lynne Yelich

ACTING MEMBERS PRESENT:

Nicole Demers for France Bonsant
Christiane Gagnon for Paule Brunelle

IN ATTENDANCE:

Library of Parliament:

Julie Cool, Analyst

Lydia Scratch, Analyst

Carmen DePape
Committee Clerk



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Meeting No. 40

Wednesday, September 28, 2005

The Standing Committee on the Status of Women met at 3:36 p.m. this day, in Room 112-N, Centre Block, the Chair, Anita Neville, presiding.

Members of the Committee present: Hon. Sarmite Bulte, Jean Crowder, Nina Grewal, Helena Guergis, Susan Kadis, Anita Neville, Russ Powers, Joy Smith, Hon. Paddy Torsney and Lynne Yelich.

Acting Members present: Nicole Demers for France Bonsant and Christiane Gagnon for Paule Brunelle.

In attendance: Library of Parliament: Julie Cool, Analyst; Lydia Scratch, Analyst.

The Committee proceeded to the consideration of matters related to Committee business.

It was agreed, — That the Committee resume its ongoing study on Parental Benefits for Self-Employed Workers.

It was agreed, — That the Ministers responsible for the Status of Women, Treasury Board, Finance, as well as the Clerk of the Privy Council Office, and their senior officials, be invited to appear before the Committee with respect to the government's response to the Committee's report entitled *Gender-Based Analysis: Building Blocks for Success*.

It was agreed, — That the Chair consult the Chair of the Standing Committee on Aboriginal Affairs and Northern Development concerning a possible joint meeting with that Committee upon receipt of the government response to their report entitled *Walking Arm-in-Arm to Resolve the Issue of On-Reserve Matrimonial Real Property*.

At 4:30 p.m., the Committee adjourned to the call of the Chair.

Carmen DePape
Committee Clerk

2005/09/30 8:17 a.m.

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STANDING COMMITTEE ON THE STATUS OF WOMEN

Chair: Susan Kadis, Lib.

Meeting No. 41

Wednesday, October 19, 2005

ORDER OF THE DAY:

The Clerk of the Committee presided over the election of a Chair.

MEMBERS OF THE COMMITTEE PRESENT:

Jean Crowder
Nicole Demers
Nina Grewal
Helena Guergis
Susan Kadis
Nancy Karetak-Lindell
Russ Powers
Joy Smith
Lynne Yelich

ACTING MEMBERS PRESENT:

France Bonsant for Christiane Gagnon,
Hon. Sarmite Bulte for Hon. Anita Neville,
and Hon. Hedy Fry for Hon. Paddy Torsney.

IN ATTENDANCE:

Library of Parliament:

Lydia Scratch, Analyst.

House of Commons:

Jacques Lahaie, Committee Clerk.

Carmen DePape
Committee Clerk



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Meeting No. 41

Wednesday, October 19, 2005

The Standing Committee on the Status of Women met at 3:34 p.m. this day, in Room 209, West Block, for the purpose of electing a Chair, pursuant to Standing Order 106(1).

Members of the Committee present: Jean Crowder, Nicole Demers, Nina Grewal, Helena Guergis, Susan Kadis, Nancy Karetak-Lindell, Russ Powers, Joy Smith and Lynne Yelich.

Acting Members present: France Bonsant for Christiane Gagnon, Hon. Sarmite Bulte for Hon. Anita Neville and Hon. Hedy Fry for Hon. Paddy Torsney.

In attendance: Library of Parliament: Lydia Scratch, Analyst. *House of Commons:* Jacques Lahaie, Committee Clerk.

The Clerk of the Committee presided over the election of a Chair.

On motion of Nancy Karetak-Lindell, it was agreed, — That Susan Kadis be elected Chair of the Committee.

On motion of Sarmite Bulte, it was agreed, — That Joy Smith be elected as first Vice-Chair of the Committee.

On motion of Nicole Demers, it was agreed, — That Jean Crowder be elected as second Vice-Chair of the Committee.

At 3:37 p.m., the Committee adjourned to the call of the Chair.

Carmen DePape
Committee Clerk

2005/10/20 12:36 p.m.

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STANDING COMMITTEE ON THE STATUS OF WOMEN

Chair: Susan Kadis, Lib.

Meeting No. 42

Monday, October 24, 2005

ORDER OF THE DAY:

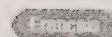
Pursuant to Standing Order 108(2) and the motion adopted by the Committee on May 10, 2005, the Committee [commenced / resumed] its study of Parental benefits for self-employed workers.

MEMBERS OF THE COMMITTEE PRESENT:

Jean Crowder
Nicole Demers
Christiane Gagnon
Susan Kadis
Nancy Karetak-Lindell
Russ Powers
Joy Smith
Hon. Paddy Torsney

IN ATTENDANCE:

Library of Parliament:
Julie Cool, Analyst
Lydia Scratch, Analyst



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Meeting No. 42

Monday, October 24, 2005

The Standing Committee on the Status of Women met at 3:32 p.m. this day, in Room 112-N, Centre Block, the Chair, Susan Kadis, presiding.

Members of the Committee present: Jean Crowder, Nicole Demers, Christiane Gagnon, Susan Kadis, Nancy Karetak-Lindell, Russ Powers, Joy Smith and Hon. Paddy Torsney.

In attendance: Library of Parliament: Julie Cool, Analyst; Lydia Scratch, Analyst.

Witnesses: Child Care Human Resources Sector Council: Diana Carter, Executive Director; Jamie Kass, Board Member, Canadian Union of Postal Workers (Child Care Programs).

Pursuant to Standing Order 108(2) and the motion adopted by the Committee on May 10, 2005, the Committee resumed its study of Parental benefits for self-employed workers.

The witnesses made statements and answered questions.

At 4:49 p.m., the Committee adjourned to the call of the Chair.

Carmen DePape
Committee Clerk

2005/10/25 11:52 a.m.

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WITNESSES:

Child Care Human Resources Sector Council:

Diana Carter, Executive Director

Jamie Kass, Board Member, Canadian Union of Postal Workers
(Child Care Programs).

Carmen DePape
Committee Clerk

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STANDING COMMITTEE ON THE STATUS OF WOMEN

Chair: Susan Kadis, Lib.

Meeting No. 43

Wednesday, October 26, 2005

ORDER OF THE DAY:

The Committee proceeded to the consideration of matters related to Committee business.


MEMBERS OF THE COMMITTEE PRESENT:

Jean Crowder,
Nicole Demers,
Christiane Gagnon,
Nina Grewal,
Susan Kadis,
Nancy Karetak-Lindell,
Russ Powers,
Joy Smith
and Lynne Yelich.

IN ATTENDANCE:

Library of Parliament:
Julie Cool, Analyst;
Lydia Scratch, Analyst.

Richard Rumas
Clerk of the Committee

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Meeting No. 43

Wednesday, October 26, 2005

The Standing Committee on the Status of Women met at 3:33 p.m. this day, in Room 112-N, Centre Block, the Chair, Susan Kadis, presiding.

Members of the Committee present: Jean Crowder, Nicole Demers, Christiane Gagnon, Nina Grewal, Susan Kadis, Nancy Karetak-Lindell, Russ Powers, Joy Smith and Lynne Yelich.

In attendance: Library of Parliament: Julie Cool, Analyst; Lydia Scratch, Analyst.

The Committee proceeded to the consideration of matters related to Committee business.

It was agreed, — That at least five additional meetings be held on the study of parental benefits to hear witnesses and consider a draft report.

It was agreed, — That meetings be held to consider government responses to the First, Second, Third and Fourth Reports of the Committee.

It was agreed, — That a meeting be held on the questioning of funding for the Sisters in Spirit initiative.

It was agreed, — That the Chair send a letter to the Chair of the Standing Committee on Aboriginal Affairs and Northern Development proposing a joint meeting on the government response to that Committee's report on matrimonial property rights.

At 3:59 p.m., the Committee adjourned to the call of the Chair.

Richard Rumas
Clerk of the Committee

2005/10/27 11:09 a.m.

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STANDING COMMITTEE ON THE STATUS OF WOMEN

Chair: Susan Kadis, Lib.

Meeting No. 44

Monday, October 31, 2005

ORDERS OF THE DAY:

Pursuant to Standing Order 108(2), the Committee commenced its study of the Funding for the Sisters of Spirit Initiative.

MEMBERS OF THE COMMITTEE PRESENT:

Jean Crowder,
Nicole Demers,
Christiane Gagnon,
Nina Grewal,
Susan Kadis,
Russ Powers,
Hon. Paddy Torsney
and Lynne Yelich.

ACTING MEMBERS PRESENT:

Jim Prentice for Joy Smith.

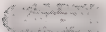
IN ATTENDANCE:

Library of Parliament:

Julie Cool, Analyst;

Lydia Scratch, Analyst.

Richard Rumas
Clerk of the Committee

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Meeting No. 44

Monday, October 31, 2005

The Standing Committee on the Status of Women met at 3:38 p.m. this day, in Room 112-N, Centre Block, the Chair, Susan Kadis, presiding.

Members of the Committee present: Jean Crowder, Nicole Demers, Christiane Gagnon, Nina Grewal, Susan Kadis, Russ Powers, Hon. Paddy Torsney and Lynne Yelich.

Acting Members present: Jim Prentice for Joy Smith.

In attendance: Library of Parliament: Julie Cool, Analyst; Lydia Scratch, Analyst.

Pursuant to Standing Order 108(2) and the motion adopted by the Committee on October 26, 2005, the Committee commenced its study of funding for the Sisters in Spirit Initiative.

On motion of Paddy Torsney, it was agreed, — That the Committee approve an Operation Budget Request in the amount of \$34,700 for the period of October 27, 2005 to March 31, 2006.

At 3:47 p.m., the Committee adjourned to the call of the Chair.

Richard Rumas
Clerk of the Committee

2005/11/01 11:00 a.m.

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STANDING COMMITTEE ON THE STATUS OF WOMEN

Chair: Susan Kadis, Lib.

Meeting No. 45

Wednesday, November 2, 2005

ORDER OF THE DAY:

Pursuant to Standing Order 108(2), the Committee commenced its study of the accountability mechanisms for Gender Equality.

MEMBERS OF THE COMMITTEE PRESENT:

Jean Crowder,
Christiane Gagnon,
Susan Kadis,
Nancy Karetak-Lindell,
Hon. Anita Neville,
Russ Powers,
Joy Smith,
Hon. Paddy Torsney
and Lynne Yelich.

ACTING MEMBER PRESENT:

Paule Brunelle for Nicole Demers.

IN ATTENDANCE:

Library of Parliament:
Julie Cool, Analyst;
Lydia Scratch, Analyst.

WITNESSES:

Status of Women Canada:

Louise Langevin, Member, Expert Panel on Accountability
Mechanisms for Gender Equality;

Dorienne Rowan-Campbell, Member, Expert Panel on
Accountability Mechanisms for Gender Equality;

Georgina Steinsky-Schwartz, Chair, Expert Panel on
Accountability Mechanisms for Gender Equality.

Richard Rumas
Clerk of the Committee



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Meeting No. 45

Wednesday, November 2, 2005

The Standing Committee on the Status of Women met at 3:32 p.m. this day, in Room 112-N, Centre Block, the Chair, Susan Kadis, presiding.

Members of the Committee present: Jean Crowder, Christiane Gagnon, Susan Kadis, Nancy Karetak-Lindell, Hon. Anita Neville, Russ Powers, Joy Smith, Hon. Paddy Torsney and Lynne Yelich.

Acting Members present: Paule Brunelle for Nicole Demers.

In attendance: Library of Parliament: Julie Cool, Analyst; Lydia Scratch, Analyst.

Witnesses: Status of Women Canada: Louise Langevin, Member, Expert Panel on Accountability Mechanisms for Gender Equality; Dorianne Rowan-Campbell, Member, Expert Panel on Accountability Mechanisms for Gender Equality; Georgina Steinsky-Schwartz, Chair, Expert Panel on Accountability Mechanisms for Gender Equality.

Pursuant to Standing Order 108(2) the Committee commenced its study of the accountability mechanisms for Gender Equality.

The witnesses made statements and answered questions.

At 5:17 p.m., the Committee adjourned to the call of the Chair.

Richard Rumas
Clerk of the Committee

2005/11/03 12:38 p.m.

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STANDING COMMITTEE ON THE STATUS OF WOMEN

Chair: Susan Kadis.

Meeting No. 46

Monday, November 14, 2005

ORDER OF THE DAY:

Pursuant to Standing Order 108(2) and the motion adopted by the Committee on May 10, 2005, the Committee resumed its study of Parental benefits for self-employed workers.

MEMBERS OF THE COMMITTEE PRESENT:

Jean Crowder,
Nicole Demers,
Christiane Gagnon,
Nina Grewal,
Susan Kadis,
Nancy Karetak-Lindell,
Hon. Anita Neville,
Russ Powers,
Joy Smith
and Hon. Paddy Torsney.

ACTING MEMBER PRESENT:

Ed Komarnicki for Lynne Yelich.

IN ATTENDANCE:

Library of Parliament:
Julie Cool, Analyst;
Lydia Scratch, Analyst.

WITNESS:

Workers' Action Center:

Juana Berinstein, Policy Advisor.

Richard Rumas
Clerk of the Committee

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Meeting No. 46

Monday, November 14, 2005

The Standing Committee on the Status of Women met at 3:31 p.m. this day, in Room 112-N, Centre Block, the Chair, Susan Kadis, presiding.

Members of the Committee present: Jean Crowder, Nicole Demers, Christiane Gagnon, Nina Grewal, Susan Kadis, Nancy Karetak-Lindell, Hon. Anita Neville, Russ Powers, Joy Smith and Hon. Paddy Torsney.

Acting Members present: Ed Komarnicki for Lynne Yelich.

In attendance: Library of Parliament: Julie Cool, Analyst; Lydia Scratch, Analyst.

Witnesses: Workers' Action Center: Juana Berinstein, Policy Advisor.

Pursuant to Standing Order 108(2) and the motion adopted by the Committee on May 10, 2005, the Committee resumed its study of Parental benefits for self-employed workers.

The witness made a statement and answered questions.

At 5:11 p.m., the Committee adjourned to the call of the Chair.

Richard Rumas
Clerk of the Committee

2005/11/15 2:42 p.m.

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MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS

STANDING COMMITTEE ON THE STATUS OF WOMEN

Chair: Susan Kadis, Lib.

Meeting No. 47

Wednesday, November 16, 2005

ORDER OF THE DAY:

Pursuant to Standing Order 108(2) and the motion adopted by the Committee on May 10, 2005, the Committee [commenced / resumed] its study of Parental benefits for self-employed workers.

MEMBERS OF THE COMMITTEE PRESENT:

Jean Crowder,
Nicole Demers,
Christiane Gagnon,
Nina Grewal,
Susan Kadis,
Hon. Anita Neville,
Russ Powers,
Joy Smith
and Lynne Yelich.

IN ATTENDANCE:

Library of Parliament:
Julie Cool, Analyst;
Lydia Scratch, Analyst.

WITNESS:

As an Individual:
Marcelle Marion, Lawyer.

Richard Rumas
Clerk of the Committee



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Meeting No. 47

Wednesday, November 16, 2005

The Standing Committee on the Status of Women met at 3:33 p.m. this day, in Room 112-N, Centre Block, the Chair, Susan Kadis, presiding.

Members of the Committee present: Jean Crowder, Nicole Demers, Christiane Gagnon, Nina Grewal, Susan Kadis, Hon. Anita Neville, Russ Powers, Joy Smith and Lynne Yelich.

In attendance: Library of Parliament: Julie Cool, Analyst; Lydia Scratch, Analyst.

Witnesses: As an Individual: Marcelle Marion, Lawyer.

Pursuant to Standing Order 108(2) and the motion adopted by the Committee on May 10, 2005, the Committee resumed its study of Parental benefits for self-employed workers.

The witness made a statement and answered questions.

At 4:43 p.m., the Committee adjourned to the call of the Chair.

Richard Rumas
Clerk of the Committee

2005/11/17 9:33 a.m.

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STANDING COMMITTEE ON THE STATUS OF WOMEN

Chair: Susan Kadis, Lib.

Meeting No. 48

Monday, November 21, 2005

ORDER OF THE DAY:

Pursuant to Standing Order 108(2) [and the motion adopted by the Committee on [date referred]], the Committee [commenced / resumed] its study of Pay Equity.

MEMBERS OF THE COMMITTEE PRESENT:

Jean Crowder,
Christiane Gagnon,
Nina Grewal,
Helena Guergis,
Susan Kadis,
Hon. Anita Neville,
Russ Powers,
Joy Smith,
Hon. Paddy Torsney
and Lynne Yelich.

ACTING MEMBER PRESENT:

France Bonsant for Nicole Demers.

OTHER MEMBER PRESENT:

Hon. Judi Longfield.

IN ATTENDANCE:

Library of Parliament:

Julie Cool, Analyst;
Lydia Scratch, Analyst.

APPEARING:

Hon. Irwin Cotler, Minister of Justice;
Hon. Joe Fontana, Minister of Labour and Housing.

WITNESSES:

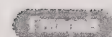
Department of Justice:

Donna Miller, Associate Deputy Minister;
Joan Remsu, General Counsel, General Public Law Team.

Department of Human Resources and Skills Development:

Munir Sheikh, Deputy Minister of Labour and Housing.

Richard Rumas
Clerk of the Committee



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Meeting No. 47

Wednesday, November 16, 2005

The Standing Committee on the Status of Women met at 3:33 p.m. this day, in Room 112-N, Centre Block, the Chair, Susan Kadis, presiding.

Members of the Committee present: Jean Crowder, Nicole Demers, Christiane Gagnon, Nina Grewal, Susan Kadis, Hon. Anita Neville, Russ Powers, Joy Smith and Lynne Yelich.

In attendance: Library of Parliament: Julie Cool, Analyst; Lydia Scratch, Analyst.

Witnesses: As an Individual: Marcelle Marion, Lawyer.

Pursuant to Standing Order 108(2) and the motion adopted by the Committee on May 10, 2005, the Committee resumed its study of Parental benefits for self-employed workers.

The witness made a statement and answered questions.

At 4:43 p.m., the Committee adjourned to the call of the Chair.

Richard Rumas
Clerk of the Committee

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STANDING COMMITTEE ON THE STATUS OF WOMEN

Chair: Susan Kadis, Lib.

Meeting No. 49

Wednesday, November 23, 2005

ORDER OF THE DAY:

Pursuant to Standing Order 108(2) and the motion adopted by the Committee on May 10, 2005, the Committee [commenced / resumed] its study of Parental benefits for self-employed workers.

MEMBERS OF THE COMMITTEE PRESENT:

Jean Crowder,
Nicole Demers,
Christiane Gagnon,
Susan Kadis,
Nancy Karetak-Lindell,
Hon. Anita Neville,
Russ Powers,
Joy Smith
and Lynne Yelich.

IN ATTENDANCE:

Library of Parliament:
Julie Cool, Analyst;
Lydia Scratch, Analyst.

WITNESSES:

Association féminine d'éducation et d'action sociale:

Diane Brault, President;

Hélène Cornellier, Coordinator of Action Plan and Communications.

Nova Scotia Barristers Society:

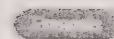
Ronald Macdonald, President;

Marie Paturel, Equity Officer.

As an Individual:

Richard Shillington.

Richard Rumas
Clerk of the Committee

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Meeting No. 49

Wednesday, November 23, 2005

The Standing Committee on the Status of Women met at 4:32 p.m. this day, in Room 269, West Block, the Chair, Susan Kadis, presiding.

Members of the Committee present: Jean Crowder, Nicole Demers, Christiane Gagnon, Susan Kadis, Nancy Karetak-Lindell, Hon. Anita Neville, Russ Powers, Joy Smith and Lynne Yelich.

In attendance: Library of Parliament: Julie Cool, Analyst; Lydia Scratch, Analyst.

Witnesses: Association féminine d'éducation et d'action sociale: Diane Brault, President; Hélène Cornellier, Coordinator of Action Plan and Communications. *Nova Scotia Barristers Society:* Ronald Macdonald, President; Marie Paturel, Equity Officer. *As an Individual:* Richard Shillington.

Pursuant to Standing Order 108(2) and the motion adopted by the Committee on May 10, 2005, the Committee resumed its study of Parental benefits for self-employed workers.

The witnesses made statements and answered questions.

At 5:28 p.m., the Committee adjourned to the call of the Chair.

Richard Rumas
Clerk of the Committee

2005/11/24 2:17 p.m.

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MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS

STANDING COMMITTEE ON THE STATUS OF WOMEN

Chair: Susan Kadis, Lib.

Meeting No. 50

Thursday, November 24, 2005

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MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS

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Meeting No. 50

Thursday, November 24, 2005

The Standing Committee on the Status of Women met *in camera* at 11:06 a.m. this day, in Room 112-N, Centre Block, the Chair, Susan Kadis, presiding.

Members of the Committee present: Jean Crowder, Nicole Demers, Christiane Gagnon, Nina Grewal, Susan Kadis, Hon. Anita Neville, Joy Smith and Hon. Paddy Torsney.

Acting Members present: Hon. David A. Anderson for Nancy Karetak-Lindell, Marlene Catterall for Nancy Karetak-Lindell, Yasmin Ratansi for Russ Powers and Lui Temelkovski for Nancy Karetak-Lindell.

In attendance: Library of Parliament: Julie Cool, Analyst; Lydia Scratch, Analyst.

Pursuant to Standing Order 108(2) and the motion adopted by the Committee on May 10, 2005, the Committee resumed its study of Parental benefits for self-employed workers.

The Committee commenced consideration of a draft report.

It was agreed, — That the draft report be adopted as the Fifth Report of the Committee.

It was agreed, — That the Chair present the Fifth Report to the House.

It was agreed, — That, pursuant to Standing Order 109, the Committee request that the Government table a comprehensive response to the report.

It was agreed, — That the Chair, Clerk and analysts be authorized to make such grammatical and editorial changes as may be necessary without changing the substance of the report.

It was agreed, — That the Committee append to its report a dissenting opinion from the Bloc Quebecois provided that it is no more than 2 pages in length and submitted electronically to the Clerk of the Committee, no later than 10:00 a.m., on November 25, 2005.

At 12:12 p.m., the Committee adjourned to the call of the Chair.

Richard Rumas
Clerk of the Committee

2005/11/24 4:10 p.m.

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39th PARLIAMENT, 1st SESSION

MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS
STANDING COMMITTEE ON THE STATUS OF WOMEN

Chair: Judy Sgro.

Meeting No. 1

Tuesday, May 9, 2006

ORDER OF THE DAY:

The Clerk of the Committee presided over the election of a Chair.

MEMBERS OF THE COMMITTEE PRESENT:

Diane Bourgeois,
Patricia Davidson,
Nina Grewal,
Helena Guergis,
Irene Mathysen,
Hon. Maria Minna,
Maria Mourani,
Hon. Anita Neville,
Hon. Judy Sgro
and Joy Smith.

ACTING MEMBERS PRESENT:

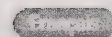
Jeff Watson for Cheryl Gallant.

IN ATTENDANCE:

House of Commons:
Louise M. Thibault, Committee Clerk.



Michelle Tittley
Clerk of the Committee

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Meeting No. 1

Tuesday, May 9, 2006

The Standing Committee on the Status of Women met at 9:10 a.m. this day, in Room 269, West Block, for the purpose of electing a Chair, pursuant to Standing Order 106(1).

Members of the Committee present: Diane Bourgeois, Patricia Davidson, Nina Grewal, Helena Guergis, Irene Mathysen, Hon. Maria Minna, Maria Mourani, Hon. Anita Neville, Hon. Judy Sgro and Joy Smith.

Acting Members present: Jeff Watson for Cheryl Gallant.

In attendance: House of Commons: Louise M. Thibault, Committee Clerk.

The Clerk of the Committee presided over the election of a Chair.

On motion of Anita Neville, it was agreed, — That the Hon. Judy Sgro be elected Chair of the Committee.

The Clerk of the Committee presided over the election of the Vice-Chairs.

On motion of Nina Grewal, it was agreed, — That Joy Smith be elected First Vice-Chair of the Committee.

On motion of Diane Bourgeois, it was agreed, — That Irene Mathysen be elected Second Vice-Chair of the Committee.

The Hon. Judy Sgro took the Chair.

Joy Smith moved, — That the Committee be adjourned until next Thursday to discuss routine motions.

Debate arose thereon.

After debate, the question was put on the motion and it was agreed to on the following recorded division: YEAS: Patricia Davidson, Nina Grewal, Helena Guergis, Maria Mourani, Joy Smith, Jeff Watson — 6; NAYS: Diane Bourgeois, Irene Mathysen, Maria Minna, Anita Neville — 4.

At 9:28 a.m., the Committee adjourned to the call of the Chair.

Michelle Tittley
Clerk of the Committee

2006/05/10 3:45 p.m.

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STANDING COMMITTEE ON THE STATUS OF WOMEN

Chair: Judy Sgro, Lib.

Meeting No. 2

Thursday, May 11, 2006

ORDER OF THE DAY:

The Committee proceeded to the consideration of matters related to Committee business.

MEMBERS OF THE COMMITTEE PRESENT:

Diane Bourgeois
Hon. Irwin Cotler
Patricia Davidson
Cheryl Gallant
Nina Grewal
Helena Guergis
Irene Mathysen
Hon. Maria Minna
Maria Mourani
Hon. Anita Neville
Hon. Judy Sgro
Joy Smith

MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS

Meeting No. 2

Thursday, May 11, 2006

The Standing Committee on the Status of Women met at 9:08 a.m. this day, in Room 705, La Promenade Building, the Chair, Judy Sgro, presiding.

Members of the Committee present: Diane Bourgeois, Hon. Irwin Cotler, Patricia Davidson, Cheryl Gallant, Nina Grewal, Helena Guergis, Irene Mathyssen, Hon. Maria Minna, Maria Mourani, Hon. Anita Neville, Hon. Judy Sgro and Joy Smith.

In attendance: House of Commons: Louise M. Thibault, Committee Clerk. *Library of Parliament:* Julie Cool, Analyst; Lyne Casavant, Analyst.

The Committee proceeded to the consideration of matters related to Committee business.

On motion of Anita Neville, it was agreed, — That the Committee retain the services of one or more analysts from the Library of Parliament, as needed, to assist the Committee in its work, at the discretion of the Chair.

On motion of Patricia Davidson, it was agreed, — That one copy of the transcript of all *in camera* meetings be kept in the Committee Clerk's office for consultation by members of the Committee.

On motion of Anita Neville, it was agreed, — That, unless otherwise ordered, each Committee member be allowed to have one staff person present at *in camera* meetings.

Joy Smith moved, — That the Subcommittee on Agenda and Procedure be composed of the Chair, the two Vice-Chairs and a representative from the Bloc Québécois, and that the quorum of the Subcommittee consist of at least three(3) members one of whom must be from the government.

The question was put on the motion and it was agreed to on the following recorded division: YEAS: Diane Bourgeois, Irwin Cotler, Patricia Davidson, Nina Grewal, Helena Guergis, Irene Mathyssen, Maria Minna, Maria Mourani, Anita Neville, Joy Smith — 10; NAYS: — 0.

On motion of Patricia Davidson, it was agreed, — That, if requested, reasonable travel, accommodation and living expenses be reimbursed to witnesses not exceeding one representative per organization; and that, in exceptional circumstances, payment for more representatives be at the discretion of the Chair and that, if requested, reasonable childcare expenses of witnesses be reimbursed.

On motion of Anita Neville, it was agreed, — That except for amendments to bills, forty eight(48)hours' notice be given before any substantive motion is considered by the Committee; and that the motion be filed with the Clerk of the Committee and circulated to members in both official languages. Upon receipt of notice, the Clerk shall put the motion on the agenda of the Committee's next meeting.

On motion of Maria Minna, it was agreed, — That the Clerk of the Committee be authorized to make the necessary arrangements to provide for working meals for the Committee.

On motion of Anita Neville, it was agreed, — That the Clerk of the Committee be authorized to

IN ATTENDANCE:

House of Commons:

Louise M. Thibault, Committee Clerk

Library of Parliament:

Julie Cool, Analyst

Lyne Casavant, Analyst

Michelle Tittley
Clerk of the Committee

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39th PARLIAMENT, 1st SESSION

MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS
STANDING COMMITTEE ON THE STATUS OF WOMEN

Chair: The Honourable Judy Sgro, Lib.

Meeting No. 3

Tuesday, May 16, 2006

ORDER OF THE DAY:

The Committee proceeded to the consideration of matters related to Committee business.

MEMBERS OF THE COMMITTEE PRESENT:

Diane Bourgeois,
Patricia Davidson,
Nina Grewal,
Helena Guergis,
Irene Mathysen,
Hon. Maria Minna,
Maria Mourani,
Hon. Anita Neville,
Hon. Judy Sgro
and Joy Smith.

ACTING MEMBERS PRESENT:

Hon. Carolyn Bennett for Hon. Irwin Cotler,
Ken Boshcoff for Hon. Irwin Cotler,
and Bruce Stanton for Cheryl Gallant.

IN ATTENDANCE:

House of Commons:

Louise M. Thibault, Committee Clerk.

Library of Parliament:

Julie Cool, Analyst;

Lyne Casavant, Analyst.

Michelle Tittley
Clerk of the Committee



MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS

Meeting No. 3

Tuesday, May 16, 2006

The Standing Committee on the Status of Women met at 9:05 a.m. this day, in Room 701, La Promenade Building, the Chair, Judy Sgro, presiding.

Members of the Committee present: Diane Bourgeois, Patricia Davidson, Nina Grewal, Helena Guergis, Irene Mathysen, Hon. Maria Minna, Maria Mourani, Hon. Anita Neville, Hon. Judy Sgro and Joy Smith.

Acting Members present: Hon. Carolyn Bennett for Hon. Irwin Cotler, Ken Boshcoff for Hon. Irwin Cotler and Bruce Stanton for Cheryl Gallant.

In attendance: House of Commons: Louise M. Thibault, Committee Clerk. *Library of Parliament:* Julie Cool, Analyst; Lyne Casavant, Analyst.

The Committee proceeded to the consideration of matters related to Committee business.

Joy Smith moved, — Whereas, the equitable split of matrimonial property is guaranteed for both spouses when divorcing under Canadian law; and whereas, this guarantee does not apply to status Indians living on reserves where property is split in favour of the male spouse; pursuant to Standing Order 108(2), that the Standing Committee on the Status of Women undertake matrimonial property rights of aboriginal women as top priority.

Debate arose thereon.

The question was put on the motion and it was agreed to on the following recorded division: YEAS: Ken Boshcoff, Diane Bourgeois, Patricia Davidson, Nina Grewal, Helena Guergis, Irene Mathysen, Maria Minna, Maria Mourani, Anita Neville, Joy Smith, Bruce Stanton — 11; NAYS: — 0.

Diane Bourgeois moved, — That the Committee spend one (1) hour on each report adopted by the Committee in the last Parliament.

Debate arose thereon.

By unanimous consent, the motion was withdrawn.

Maria Mourani moved, — That the Committee concurs in the recommendations of the First, Second, Third, Fourth, and Fifth Reports of the Standing Committee on the Status of Women presented to the House in the 1st Session of the 38th Parliament; that the Chair report to the House the concurrence in these recommendations; and that; pursuant to Standing Order 109, the Committee requests that the government table a comprehensive response to those reports.

The question was put on the motion and it was agreed to on the following recorded division: YEAS: Carolyn Bennett, Diane Bourgeois, Helena Guergis, Irene Mathysen, Maria Minna, Maria Mourani, Anita Neville — 7; NAYS: Patricia Davidson, Nina Grewal, Joy Smith, Bruce Stanton — 4.

It was agreed, — That, in addition to studying matrimonial property rights of aboriginal women as a top priority, the Committee would also explore economic security issues of women and violence against women .

At 11:02 a.m., the Committee adjourned to the call of the Chair.

Michelle Tittley
Clerk of the Committee

2006/05/18 5:50 p.m.

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MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS

STANDING COMMITTEE ON THE STATUS OF WOMEN

Chair: Judy Sgro.

Meeting No. 4

Tuesday, May 30, 2006

ORDER OF THE DAY:

Pursuant to Standing Order 108(2), the Committee proceeded to a briefing on a statistical overview of women.

The Committee proceeded to the consideration of matters related to Committee business.

MEMBERS OF THE COMMITTEE PRESENT:

Diane Bourgeois,
Hon. Irwin Cotler,
Patricia Davidson,
Nina Grewal,
Irene Mathysen,
Hon. Maria Minna,
Maria Mourani,
Hon. Judy Sgro,
Joy Smith
and Bruce Stanton.

ACTING MEMBERS PRESENT:

Rod Bruinooge for Helena Guergis,
and Susan Kadis for Hon. Anita Neville.

IN ATTENDANCE:

House of Commons:

Louise M. Thibault, Committee Clerk.

Library of Parliament:

Julie Cool, Analyst;

Lyne Casavant, Analyst.

WITNESSES:

Statistics Canada:

Rosemary Bender, Director General, Social and Demographic
Statistics;

Colin Lindsay, Senior Analyst, Social and Aboriginal Statistics
Division;

Karen Mihorean, Chief, Integration, Analysis and Research,
Canadian Centre for Justice Statistics.

Michelle Tittley
Clerk of the Committee

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MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS

Meeting No. 4

Tuesday, May 30, 2006

The Standing Committee on the Status of Women met at 9:08 a.m. this day, in Room 237-C, Centre Block, the Chair, Judy Sgro, presiding.

Members of the Committee present: Diane Bourgeois, Hon. Irwin Cotler, Patricia Davidson, Nina Grewal, Irene Mathysen, Hon. Maria Minna, Maria Mourani, Hon. Judy Sgro, Joy Smith and Bruce Stanton.

Acting Members present: Rod Bruinooge for Helena Guergis and Susan Kadis for Hon. Anita Neville.

In attendance: House of Commons: Louise M. Thibault, Committee Clerk. *Library of Parliament:* Julie Cool, Analyst; Lyne Casavant, Analyst.

Witnesses: Statistics Canada: Rosemary Bender, Director General, Social and Demographic Statistics; Colin Lindsay, Senior Analyst, Social and Aboriginal Statistics Division; Karen Mihorean, Chief, Integration, Analysis and Research, Canadian Centre for Justice Statistics.

Pursuant to Standing Order 108(2), the Committee proceeded to a briefing on a statistical overview of women.

The witnesses made statements and answered questions.

At 10:44 a.m., the sitting was suspended.

At 10:45 a.m., the sitting resumed.

The Committee proceeded to the consideration of matters related to Committee business.

It was agreed, — That if the joint meetings with the Standing Committee on Aboriginal Affairs or with the Standing Committee on Justice were not confirmed, the Clerk would seek to request a briefing session by officials from the Department of Indian and Northern Affairs Canada or the Native Women's Association of Canada.

It was agreed, — That consideration of proposed changes to routine motions (no.3 and no. 9) be postponed until the next meeting.

It was agreed, — That consideration of study budgets be postponed until next meeting.

It was agreed, — That when hearing witnesses, and if necessary, the Committee reserve the last thirty (30) minutes for Committee Business.

On motion of Maria Minna, it was agreed, — That, whereas violence against women constitutes a violation of the rights and fundamental freedoms of women and impairs or nullifies their enjoyment of those rights and freedoms; whereas violence against women can take many forms, including psychological violence, physical violence, sexual violence, financial abuse, economic abuse and

spiritual abuse; whereas half of Canadian women (51%) have been victims of at least one act of physical or sexual violence since the age of 16; whereas females make up the vast majority of victims of sexual assaults, criminal harassment, and kidnapping/hostage-taking or abduction; whereas 52% of all female homicide victims in 2001 were killed by someone with whom they had an intimate relationship at one point in time, and four of five victims of spousal homicide are female; whereas violence against women has severe psychological, physical and social consequences; whereas violence against women is a manifestation of the historically unequal power relations between men and women; whereas some groups of women, such as destitute women, women in institutions or in detention, female children, women with disabilities, and elderly women are especially vulnerable to violence; pursuant to Standing Order 108(2), the Standing Committee on the Status of Women undertake a study on violence against women, including the issues of sexual assault and human trafficking, and recommend measures to achieve the elimination of violence against women in Canada.

On motion of Irene Mathyssen, it was agreed, — That, whereas senior women have the right to a fulfilling life with dignity, respect and security; and whereas, poverty levels are alarmingly high among single seniors and especially single senior women; pursuant to Standing Order 108(2), the Standing Committee on the Status of Women undertake the study of the economic security of senior women, including an exploration of income splitting and care giving, and call forward as witnesses representatives from the Department of Human Resources and Social Development Canada, officials from the Department of Finance, and the National Advisory Council on Aging.

It was agreed, — That consideration of Maria Mourani's motion concerning pay equity be postponed until the next meeting.

At 11:02 a.m., the Committee adjourned to the call of the Chair.

Michelle Tittley
Clerk of the Committee

2006/06/01 4:32 p.m.

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MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS

STANDING COMMITTEE ON THE STATUS OF WOMEN

Chair: Judy Sgro.

Meeting No. 5

Thursday, June 1, 2006

ORDER OF THE DAY:

Pursuant to Standing Order 108(2), the Committee proceeded to a briefing on Women's Issues.

The Committee proceeded to the consideration of matters related to Committee business.

MEMBERS OF THE COMMITTEE PRESENT:

Diane Bourgeois,
Patricia Davidson,
Nina Grewal,
Irene Mathysen,
Hon. Maria Minna,
Maria Mourani,
Hon. Judy Sgro,
Joy Smith
and Bruce Stanton.

ACTING MEMBERS PRESENT:

Bob Mills for Helena Guergis,
Yasmin Ratansi for Hon. Anita Neville,
and Blair Wilson for Hon. Irwin Cotler.

IN ATTENDANCE:

Library of Parliament:

Julie Cool, Analyst;
Lyne Casavant, Analyst.

House of Commons:

Louise M. Thibault, Committee Clerk.

WITNESSES:

Status of Women Canada:

Florence Ievers, Coordinator;
Jackie Claxton, Director General, Women's Programs and
Regional Operations;
Hélène Dwyer-Renaud, Director, Gender-Based Analysis and
Accountability Directorate and Research Directorate;
Nanci-Jean Waugh, Director General, Governance and
Communications Directorate;
Zeynep Karman, Director, Research Directorate.

Florence Ievers made a statement and, with the other witnesses, answered questions.

Michelle Tittley
Clerk of the Committee



MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS

Meeting No. 5

Thursday, June 1, 2006

The Standing Committee on the Status of Women met at 9:06 a.m. this day, in Room 701, La Promenade Building, the Chair, Judy Sgro, presiding.

Members of the Committee present: Diane Bourgeois, Patricia Davidson, Nina Grewal, Irene Mathysen, Hon. Maria Minna, Maria Mourani, Hon. Judy Sgro, Joy Smith and Bruce Stanton.

Acting Members present: Bob Mills for Helena Guergis, Yasmin Ratansi for Hon. Anita Neville and Blair Wilson for Hon. Irwin Cotler.

In attendance: Library of Parliament: Julie Cool, Analyst; Lyne Casavant, Analyst. *House of Commons:* Louise M. Thibault, Committee Clerk.

Witnesses: Status of Women Canada: Florence Ievers, Coordinator; Jackie Claxton, Director General, Women's Programs and Regional Operations; Hélène Dwyer-Renaud, Director, Gender-Based Analysis and Accountability Directorate and Research Directorate; Nanci-Jean Waugh, Director General, Governance and Communications Directorate; Zeynep Karman, Director, Research Directorate.

Pursuant to Standing Order 108(2), the Committee proceeded to a briefing on Women's issues.

Florence Ievers made a statement and, with the other witnesses, answered questions.

At 10:33 a.m., the sitting was suspended.

At 10:34 a.m., the sitting resumed.

The Committee proceeded to the consideration of matters related to Committee business.

Maria Mourani moved, — That the Committee prepare and present to the House, before June 23, 2006, a report recommending that the government draft, before October 31, 2006, or any other date the Committee deems advisable, a bill on pay equity.

After debate, the question was put on the motion and it was agreed to on the following recorded division: YEAS: Diane Bourgeois, Irene Mathysen, Maria Minna, Maria Mourani, Yasmin Ratansi, Blair Wilson — 6; NAYS: Patricia Davidson, Nina Grewal, Bob Mills, Joy Smith, Bruce Stanton — 5.

On motion of Patricia Davidson, it was agreed, — That the motion concerning reduced quorum adopted by the Committee on May 11, 2006, be amended to read as follows:

That the Chair be authorized to hold meetings to receive and publish evidence when a quorum is not present provided that at least 3 members are present, including a member of the opposition and a member of the government party.

On motion of Maria Mourani, it was agreed, — That the French version of the motion concerning the

presence of Committee Members' Staff at *in camera* meetings adopted by the Committee on May 11, 2006, be amended to read as follows:

That, unless otherwise ordered, each Committee member be allowed to have one staff person present at *in camera* meetings.

On motion of Maria Minna, it was agreed, — That the proposed budget for the study on violence against women in the amount of \$ 32 000, for the period of May 29, 2006 to December 29, 2006, be adopted.

On motion of Joy Smith, it was agreed, — That the proposed budget for the study on matrimonial property rights of Aboriginal women in the amount of \$34 400, for the period of May 29, 2006, to December 29, 2006, be adopted.

On motion of Yasmin Ratansi, it was agreed, — That the proposed budget for the study on economic security for women in the amount of \$32 000, for the period of May 29, 2006 to December 29, 2006, be adopted.

At 11:00 a.m., the Committee adjourned to the call of the Chair.

Michelle Tittley
Clerk of the Committee

2006/06/01 4:40 p.m.

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39th PARLIAMENT, 1st SESSION

MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS

STANDING COMMITTEE ON THE STATUS OF WOMEN

Chair: Judy Sgro.

Meeting No. 6

Tuesday, June 6, 2006

ORDER OF THE DAY:

Pursuant to Standing Order 108(2), the Committee proceeded to a study on matrimonial real property rights of Aboriginal women.

The Committee proceeded to the consideration of matters related to Committee business.

MEMBERS OF THE COMMITTEE PRESENT:

Diane Bourgeois,
Hon. Irwin Cotler,
Patricia Davidson,
Nina Grewal,
Helena Guergis,
Irene Mathysen,
Hon. Maria Minna,
Maria Mourani,
Hon. Anita Neville,
Hon. Judy Sgro,
Joy Smith
and Bruce Stanton.

ACTING MEMBERS PRESENT:

Hon. Carolyn Bennett for Hon. Irwin Cotler,
and Rod Bruinooge for Helena Guergis.

IN ATTENDANCE:

House of Commons:

Louise M. Thibault, Committee Clerk.

Library of Parliament:

Julie Cool, Analyst;

Lyne Casavant, Analyst;

Marlisa Tiedemann, Analyst.

WITNESSES:

Native Women's Association of Canada:

Beverley Jacobs, President.

Assembly of First Nations:

Bob Watts, Chief of Staff, Office of the National Chief;

Debra Hanuse, Acting Director - Law and Legislation.

Native Women's Association of Canada:

Lisa Abbott.

Beverly Jacobs, Bob Watts, and Debra Hanuse made statements and answered questions.

Michelle Tittley
Clerk of the Committee



MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS

Meeting No. 6

Tuesday, June 6, 2006

The Standing Committee on the Status of Women met at 9:05 a.m. this day, in Room 705, La Promenade Building, the Chair, Judy Sgro, presiding.

Members of the Committee present: Diane Bourgeois, Hon. Irwin Cotler, Patricia Davidson, Nina Grewal, Helena Guergis, Irene Mathysen, Hon. Maria Minna, Maria Mourani, Hon. Anita Neville, Hon. Judy Sgro, Joy Smith and Bruce Stanton.

Acting Members present: Hon. Carolyn Bennett for Hon. Irwin Cotler and Rod Bruinooog for Helena Guergis.

In attendance: House of Commons: Louise M. Thibault, Committee Clerk. *Library of Parliament:* Julie Cool, Analyst; Lyne Casavant, Analyst; Marlisa Tiedemann, Analyst.

Witnesses: Native Women's Association of Canada: Beverly Jacobs, President. *Assembly of First Nations:* Bob Watts, Chief of Staff, Office of the National Chief; Debra Hanuse, Acting Director - Law and Legislation. *Native Women's Association of Canada:* Lisa Abbott.

Pursuant to Standing Order 108(2), the Committee proceeded to a study on matrimonial real property rights of Aboriginal women.

Beverly Jacobs, Bob Watts, and Debra Hanuse made statements and answered questions.

At 10:31 a.m., the sitting was suspended.

At 10:34 a.m., the Committee proceeded to sit *in camera*.

The Committee proceeded to the consideration of matters related to Committee business.

It was agreed, — That the draft report on pay equity be adopted.

It was agreed, — That the Chair present the report to the House.

At 10:56 a.m., the Committee adjourned to the call of the Chair.

Michelle Tittley
Clerk of the Committee

2006/06/07 11:36 a.m.

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MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS

STANDING COMMITTEE ON THE STATUS OF WOMEN

Chair: Judy Sgro.

Meeting No. 7

Thursday, June 8, 2006

ORDER OF THE DAY:

Pursuant to Standing Order 108(2) and the motion adopted by the Committee on Tuesday, May 30th, 2006, the Committee commenced its study of economic security of senior women.

The Committee proceeded to the consideration of matters related to Committee business.

MEMBERS OF THE COMMITTEE PRESENT:

Diane Bourgeois,
Hon. Irwin Cotler,
Patricia Davidson,
Irene Mathyssen,
Hon. Maria Minna,
Maria Mourani,
Hon. Anita Neville,
Hon. Judy Sgro,
Joy Smith
and Bruce Stanton.

ACTING MEMBERS PRESENT:

Rod Bruinooge for Helena Guergis,
Colin Mayes for Nina Grewal,
and Christian Paradis for Patricia Davidson.

IN ATTENDANCE:

House of Commons:

Louise M. Thibault, Committee Clerk.

Library of Parliament:

Julie Cool, Analyst;

Lyne Casavant, Analyst.

WITNESSES:

Department of Social Development:

Mitch Bloom, Director General, Seniors and Pensions Policy Secretariat;

Lenore Duff, Acting Director, Economic Security;

Sandra Harder, Acting Director, Families and Caregivers;

Nancy Lawand, Director General, CPP Disability Policy;

Susan Scotti, Assistant Deputy Minister, Social Development Sectors, Income Security Programs;

Deborah Tunis, Acting Assistant Deputy Minister, Social Policy;

Caroline Weber, Director General, Office for Disability Issues.

Deborah Tunis and Susan Scotti made statements and, with the other witnesses, answered questions.

Michelle Tittley
Clerk of the Committee



MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS

Meeting No. 7

Thursday, June 8, 2006

The Standing Committee on the Status of Women met at 9:08 a.m. this day, in Room 237-C, Centre Block, the Chair, Judy Sgro, presiding.

Members of the Committee present: Diane Bourgeois, Hon. Irwin Cotler, Patricia Davidson, Irene Mathysen, Hon. Maria Minna, Maria Mourani, Hon. Anita Neville, Hon. Judy Sgro, Joy Smith and Bruce Stanton.

Acting Members present: Rod Bruinooge for Helena Guergis, Colin Mayes for Nina Grewal and Christian Paradis for Patricia Davidson.

In attendance: House of Commons: Louise M. Thibault, Committee Clerk. *Library of Parliament:* Julie Cool, Analyst; Lyne Casavant, Analyst.

Witnesses: Department of Social Development: Mitch Bloom, Director General, Seniors and Pensions Policy Secretariat; Lenore Duff, Acting Director, Economic Security; Sandra Harder, Acting Director, Families and Caregivers; Nancy Lawand, Director General, CPP Disability Policy; Susan Scotti, Assistant Deputy Minister, Social Development Sectors, Income Security Programs; Deborah Tunis, Acting Assistant Deputy Minister, Social Policy; Caroline Weber, Director General, Office for Disability Issues.

Pursuant to Standing Order 108(2) and the motion adopted by the Committee on Tuesday, May 30th, 2006, the Committee commenced its study of economic security of senior women.

At 10:49 a.m., the sitting was suspended.

At 10:50 a.m., the sitting resumed.

The Committee proceeded to the consideration of matters related to Committee business.

Deborah Tunis and Susan Scotti made statements and, with the other witnesses, answered questions.

At 10:59 a.m., the Committee adjourned to the call of the Chair.

Michelle Tittley
Clerk of the Committee

2006/06/08 3:28 p.m.

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MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS

STANDING COMMITTEE ON THE STATUS OF WOMEN

Chair: Judy Sgro.

Meeting No. 8

Tuesday, June 13, 2006

ORDER OF THE DAY:

Pursuant to Standing Order 108(2) and the motion adopted by the Committee on Tuesday, May 30th, 2006, the Committee commenced its study of economic security of senior women.

The Committee proceeded to the consideration of matters related to Committee business.

MEMBERS OF THE COMMITTEE PRESENT:

Diane Bourgeois,
Patricia Davidson,
Nina Grewal,
Helena Guergis,
Irene Mathyssen,
Hon. Maria Minna,
Maria Mourani,
Hon. Anita Neville,
Hon. Judy Sgro,
Joy Smith,
Bruce Stanton
and Hon. Belinda Stronach.

ACTING MEMBERS PRESENT:

Rod Bruinooge for Helena Guergis.

IN ATTENDANCE:

House of Commons:

Louise M. Thibault, Committee Clerk.

Library of Parliament:

Lyne Casavant, Analyst.

Parliamentary Information and Research Service:

Julie Cool, Analyst.

WITNESSES:

National Council of Welfare:

Sheila Regehr, Director;

Cathy Oikawa, Senior Researcher and Policy Advisor;

John S. Anderson, Senior Researcher and Policy Advisor.

National Advisory Council on Aging:

Robert Dobie, Interim Chairperson, Division of Aging and Seniors.

Sheila Regehr, John S. Anderson and Robert Dobie made statements and answered questions.

Michelle Tittley
Clerk of the Committee



MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS

Meeting No. 8

Tuesday, June 13, 2006

The Standing Committee on the Status of Women met at 9:08 a.m. this day, in Room 269, West Block, the Chair, Judy Sgro, presiding.

Members of the Committee present: Diane Bourgeois, Patricia Davidson, Nina Grewal, Helena Guergis, Irene Mathyssen, Hon. Maria Minna, Maria Mourani, Hon. Anita Neville, Hon. Judy Sgro, Joy Smith, Bruce Stanton and Hon. Belinda Stronach.

Acting Members present: Rod Bruinooge for Helena Guergis.

In attendance: House of Commons: Louise M. Thibault, Committee Clerk. *Library of Parliament:* Lyne Casavant, Analyst. *Parliamentary Information and Research Service:* Julie Cool, Analyst.

Witnesses: National Council of Welfare: Sheila Regehr, Director; Cathy Oikawa, Senior Researcher and Policy Advisor; John S. Anderson, Senior Researcher and Policy Advisor. *National Advisory Council on Aging:* Robert Dobie, Interim Chairperson, Division of Aging and Seniors.

Pursuant to Standing Order 108(2) and the motion adopted by the Committee on Tuesday, May 30th, 2006, the Committee commenced its study of economic security of senior women.

Sheila Regehr, John S. Anderson and Robert Dobie made statements and answered questions.

At 10:44 a.m., the sitting was suspended.

At 10:46 a.m., the sitting resumed.

The Committee proceeded to the consideration of matters related to Committee business.

At 10:56 a.m., the Committee adjourned to the call of the Chair.

Michelle Tittley
Clerk of the Committee

2006/06/13 2:29 p.m.

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HOUSE OF COMMONS OF CANADA
39th PARLIAMENT, 1st SESSION

MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS
STANDING COMMITTEE ON THE STATUS OF WOMEN

Chair: Judy Sgro.

Meeting No. 9

Thursday, June 15, 2006

IN CAMERA



MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS

Meeting No. 9

Thursday, June 15, 2006

The Standing Committee on the Status of Women met *in camera* at 9:07 a.m. this day, in Room 371, West Block, the Chair, Judy Sgro, presiding.

Members of the Committee present: Diane Bourgeois, Patricia Davidson, Nina Grewal, Helena Guergis, Irene Mathyssen, Hon. Maria Minna, Maria Mourani, Hon. Anita Neville, Hon. Judy Sgro, Joy Smith and Bruce Stanton.

Acting Members present: Hon. Albina Guarnieri for Hon. Belinda Stronach and Mark Warawa for Helena Guergis.

In attendance: House of Commons: Louise M. Thibault, Committee Clerk. *Library of Parliament:* Julie Cool, Analyst; Lyne Casavant, Analyst; Marlisa Tiedemann, Analyst.

Pursuant to Standing Order 108(2), the Committee resumed to a study on matrimonial real property rights of Aboriginal women.

The Committee commenced consideration of a draft report.

It was agreed, — That additional drafting instructions be sent to the Clerk of the Committee before 12:00pm on Friday, June 16, 2006.

The Committee proceeded to the consideration of matters related to future business.

At 10:43 a.m., the Committee adjourned to the call of the Chair.

Michelle Tittley
Clerk of the Committee

2006/06/16 1:46 p.m.

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39th PARLIAMENT, 1st SESSION

MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS

STANDING COMMITTEE ON THE STATUS OF WOMEN

Chair: Judy Sgro.

Meeting No. 10

Tuesday, June 20, 2006

IN CAMERA



MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS

Meeting No. 10

Tuesday, June 20, 2006

The Standing Committee on the Status of Women met *in camera* at 9:11 a.m. this day, in Room 371, West Block, the Chair, Judy Sgro, presiding.

Members of the Committee present: Diane Bourgeois, Patricia Davidson, Nina Grewal, Helena Guergis, Irene Mathyssen, Hon. Maria Minna, Maria Mourani, Hon. Anita Neville, Hon. Judy Sgro, Joy Smith, Bruce Stanton and Hon. Belinda Stronach.

In attendance: House of Commons: Louise M. Thibault, Committee Clerk. Library of Parliament: Julie Cool, Analyst; Lyne Casavant, Analyst; Marlisa Tiedemann, Analyst.

Pursuant to Standing Order 108(2), the Committee resumed consideration of the study on matrimonial real property rights of Aboriginal women.

The Committee resumed consideration of a draft report.

It was agreed, — That the draft report, as amended, be adopted; that, pursuant to Standing Order 109, the Committee request that the Government table a comprehensive response to the report; that the Chair, Clerk and analysts be authorized to make such grammatical and editorial changes as may be necessary without changing the substance of the report.

ORDERED, — That the Chair present the report to the House.

At 11:03 a.m., the Committee adjourned to the call of the Chair.

Michelle Tittley
Clerk of the Committee

2006/06/20 7:33 p.m.

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HOUSE OF COMMONS OF CANADA
39th PARLIAMENT, 1st SESSION

MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS

STANDING COMMITTEE ON THE STATUS OF WOMEN

Chair: Judy Sgro.

Meeting No. 11

Thursday, June 22, 2006

ORDER OF THE DAY:

The Committee proceeded to the consideration of matters related to Committee business.

Pursuant to Standing Order 108(2), the Committee resumed to a study on matrimonial real property rights of Aboriginal women.

MEMBERS OF THE COMMITTEE PRESENT:

Diane Bourgeois,
Patricia Davidson,
Nina Grewal,
Helena Guergis,
Irene Mathysen,
Hon. Maria Minna,
Maria Mourani,
Hon. Anita Neville,
Hon. Judy Sgro,
Joy Smith,
Bruce Stanton
and Hon. Belinda Stronach.

ACTING MEMBERS PRESENT:

Rod Bruinooge for Nina Grewal,
and Colin Mayes for Helena Guergis.

IN ATTENDANCE:

House of Commons:

Louise M. Thibault, Committee Clerk.

Library of Parliament:

Julie Cool, Analyst;

Lyne Casavant, Analyst;

Marlisa Tiedemann, Analyst.

APPEARING:

Hon. Jim Prentice, Minister of Indian Affairs and Northern Development.

WITNESSES:

Department of Indian Affairs and Northern Development :

Sandra Ginnish, Director General, Treaties, Research, International and Gender Equality Branch;

Holly King, Acting Director, Women's Issues and Gender Equality Directorate.

Department of Justice:

Christine Aubin, Legal Counsel, Legal Services.

The Minister made a statement and, with Sandra Ginnish and Holly King, answered questions.

Michelle Tittley
Clerk of the Committee



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MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS

Meeting No. 11

Thursday, June 22, 2006

The Standing Committee on the Status of Women met at 9:12 a.m. this day, in Room 269, West Block, the Chair, Judy Sgro, presiding.

Members of the Committee present: Diane Bourgeois, Patricia Davidson, Nina Grewal, Helena Guergis, Irene Mathyssen, Hon. Maria Minna, Maria Mourani, Hon. Anita Neville, Hon. Judy Sgro, Joy Smith, Bruce Stanton and Hon. Belinda Stronach.

Acting Members present: Rod Bruinooge for Nina Grewal and Colin Mayes for Helena Guergis.

In attendance: House of Commons: Louise M. Thibault, Committee Clerk. *Library of Parliament:* Julie Cool, Analyst; Lyne Casavant, Analyst; Marlisa Tiedemann, Analyst.

Appearing: Hon. Jim Prentice, Minister of Indian Affairs and Northern Development.

Witnesses: Department of Indian Affairs and Northern Development : Sandra Ginnish, Director General, Treaties, Research, International and Gender Equality Branch; Holly King, Acting Director, Women's Issues and Gender Equality Directorate. *Department of Justice:* Christine Aubin, Legal Counsel, Legal Services.

The Committee proceeded to the consideration of matters related to Committee business.

Irene Mathyssen moved, — That,

Whereas Canada ranks 42nd in the world among democracies in terms of women's representation in the national legislature, after Pakistan and Portugal;

Whereas only 64 seats of 308 in the House of Commons are held by women;

Whereas fewer women candidates ran in the last election than in 1993;

Whereas financing and electoral reform have greatly improved representation of women in other countries;

Pursuant to Standing Order 108(2), the Standing Committee on the Status of Women undertake the study of the financing and electoral reform that would increase representation of women in the House of Commons.

By unanimous consent, the motion was allowed to stand.

It was agreed, — That, in the fall session, the Committee focus on human trafficking and economic security of senior women.

Pursuant to Standing Order 108(2), the Committee resumed its study on matrimonial real property rights

of Aboriginal women.

At 10:07, the Committee proceeded to sit in a televised session.

The Minister made a statement and, with Sandra Ginnish and Holly King, answered questions.

At 10:57 a.m., the Committee adjourned to the call of the Chair.

Michelle Tittley
Clerk of the Committee

2006/06/22 3:25 p.m.

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39th PARLIAMENT, 1st SESSION

MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS
STANDING COMMITTEE ON THE STATUS OF WOMEN

Chair: Judy Sgro.

Meeting No. 12

Thursday, September 21, 2006

ORDER OF THE DAY:

The Committee proceeded to the consideration of matters related to Committee business.

MEMBERS OF THE COMMITTEE PRESENT:

Patricia Davidson,
Nina Grewal,
Helena Guergis,
Irene Mathysen,
Hon. Maria Minna,
Maria Mourani,
Hon. Anita Neville,
Hon. Judy Sgro,
Joy Smith,
Bruce Stanton
and Hon. Belinda Stronach.

ACTING MEMBERS PRESENT:

Johanne Deschamps for Diane Bourgeois.

IN ATTENDANCE:

Library of Parliament:
Lyne Casavant, Analyst;
Julie Cool, Analyst;

Marlisa Tiedemann, Analyst.
Standing Committee on the Status of Women:
Michelle Tittley, Clerk of the Committee.

Michelle Tittley
Clerk of the Committee

MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS

Meeting No. 12

Thursday, September 21, 2006

The Standing Committee on the Status of Women met at 11:04 a.m. this day, in Room 269, West Block, the Chair, Judy Sgro, presiding.

Members of the Committee present: Patricia Davidson, Nina Grewal, Helena Guergis, Irene Mathyssen, Hon. Maria Minna, Maria Mourani, Hon. Anita Neville, Hon. Judy Sgro, Joy Smith, Bruce Stanton and Hon. Belinda Stronach.

Acting Members present: Johanne Deschamps for Diane Bourgeois.

In attendance: Library of Parliament: Lyne Casavant, Analyst; Julie Cool, Analyst; Marlisa Tiedemann, Analyst. *Standing Committee on the Status of Women:* Michelle Tittley, Clerk of the Committee.

The Committee proceeded to the consideration of matters related to Committee business.

Belinda Stronach moved, — That the Committee focus their studies on the economic security and equality of women in order to prepare a report for the House of Commons by the month of December 2006.

The question was put on the motion and it was negatived on the following recorded division: YEAS: Irene Mathyssen, Maria Minna, Anita Neville, Belinda Stronach — 4; NAYS: Patricia Davidson, Johanne Deschamps, Nina Grewal, Helena Guergis, Maria Mourani, Joy Smith, Bruce Stanton — 7.

Joy Smith moved, — That the Committee focus their studies on human trafficking in order to prepare a report for the House of Commons by December 2006.

The question was put on the motion and it was agreed to on the following recorded division: YEAS: Patricia Davidson, Johanne Deschamps, Nina Grewal, Helena Guergis, Maria Mourani, Joy Smith, Bruce Stanton — 7; NAYS: Irene Mathyssen, Maria Minna, Anita Neville, Belinda Stronach — 4.

At 12:29 p.m., the Committee adjourned to the call of the Chair.

Michelle Tittley
Clerk of the Committee

2006/09/22 10:02 a.m.

HOUSE OF COMMONS OF CANADA
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MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS

STANDING COMMITTEE ON THE STATUS OF WOMEN

Chair: Judy Sgro.

Meeting No. 13

Tuesday, September 26, 2006

ORDER OF THE DAY:

The Clerk of the Committee presided over the election of a Chair.

The Committee proceeded to the consideration of matters related to Committee business.

MEMBERS OF THE COMMITTEE PRESENT:

Patricia Davidson,
Johanne Deschamps,
Nina Grewal,
Irene Mathysen,
Hon. Maria Minna,
Maria Mourani,
Hon. Anita Neville,
Hon. Judy Sgro,
Joy Smith,
Bruce Stanton
and Hon. Belinda Stronach.

ACTING MEMBERS PRESENT:

Rod Bruinooge for Helena Guergis,
and Ken Epp for Helena Guergis.

IN ATTENDANCE:

Library of Parliament:

Marlisa Tiedemann, Analyst;

Lyne Casavant, Analyst.

House of Commons:

Carmen DePape, Committee Clerk.

Michelle Tittley
Clerk of the Committee



MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS

Meeting No. 13

Tuesday, September 26, 2006

The Standing Committee on the Status of Women met at 11:09 a.m. this day, in Room 371, West Block, the Chair, *Hon.* Judy Sgro, presiding.

Members of the Committee present: Patricia Davidson, Johanne Deschamps, Nina Grewal, Irene Mathysen, *Hon.* Maria Minna, Maria Mourani, *Hon.* Anita Neville, *Hon.* Judy Sgro, Joy Smith, Bruce Stanton and *Hon.* Belinda Stronach.

Acting Members present: Rod Bruinooge for Helena Guergis and Ken Epp for Helena Guergis.

In attendance: Library of Parliament: Marlisa Tiedemann, Analyst; Lyne Casavant, Analyst. *House of Commons:* Carmen DePape, Committee Clerk.

The Clerk of the Committee presided over the election of a Chair.

On motion of Anita Neville, it was agreed, — That the *Hon.* Judy Sgro be elected Chair of the Committee.

On motion of Bruce Stanton, it was agreed, — That Joy Smith be elected First Vice-Chair of the Committee.

On motion of Judy Sgro, it was agreed, — That Irene Mathysen be elected Second Vice-Chair of the Committee.

The Committee proceeded to the consideration of matters related to Committee business.

On motion of Patricia Davidson, it was agreed, — That the Committee retain the services of one or more analysts from the Library of Parliament, as needed, to assist the Committee in its work, at the discretion of the Chair.

On motion of Bruce Stanton, it was agreed, — That one copy of the transcript of all *in camera* meetings be kept in the Committee Clerk's office for consultation by members of the Committee.

On motion of Belinda Stronach, it was agreed, — That, unless otherwise ordered, each Committee member be allowed to have one staff person present at *in camera* meetings.

On motion of Johanne Deschamps, it was agreed, — That the Subcommittee on Agenda and Procedure be composed of the Chair, the two Vice-Chairs and a representative from the Bloc Québécois, and that the quorum of the subcommittee consist of a least three members, one of whom must be from the government.

On motion of Anita Neville, it was agreed, — That, if requested, reasonable travel, accommodation and living expenses be reimbursed to witnesses not exceeding one representative per organization; and that, in exceptional circumstances, payment for more representatives be at the discretion of the Chair; and that, if requested, reasonable childcare expenses of witnesses be reimbursed.

On motion of Joy Smith, it was agreed, — That except for amendments to bills, forty-eight (48) hours' notice be given before any substantive motion to be considered by the Committee; and that the motion be filed with the Clerk of the Committee and circulated to members in both official languages. Upon receipt of the notice, the Clerk shall put the motion on the agenda of the Committee's next meeting.

On motion of Irene Mathysen, it was agreed, — That the Clerk of the Committee be authorized to make the necessary arrangements to provide for working meals for the Committee.

On motion of Johanne Deschamps, it was agreed, — That the Clerk of the Committee be authorized to distribute to the members of the Committee only documents when they exist in both official languages and that no document provided by a witness be distributed without the authorization of the Clerk of the Committee.

On motion of Nina Grewal, it was agreed, — That the Chair be authorized to hold meetings to receive and publish evidence when a quorum is not present provided that at least 3 members are present, including one member of the opposition.

On motion of Joy Smith, it was agreed, — That witnesses be given 10 minutes to make their opening statement; That during the questioning of witnesses the time allocated to each questioner be as follows:

On the first round of questioning, 7 minutes to a representative of each party in the following order:

Liberal Party

Bloc Québécois,

Conservative Party and

New Democratic Party.

On the following rounds of questioning, 5 minutes per party in the following order:

Liberal Party,

Conservative Party,

Bloc Québécois,

New Democratic Party and

Conservative Party.

On motion of Joy Smith, it was agreed, — That the proposed budget for the study on Human Trafficking in the amount of \$ 63,000 for the period of September 26, 2006 to December 29, 2006, be adopted.

Maria Minna moved, — Whereas Gender Based Analysis (GBA) is a tool that is used to clarify the differences between women and men when developing policies, programs and legislation.

Whereas at the fourth United Nations World Conference on Women in Beijing in 1995 Canada, along

with 188 other nations, committed to develop a federal plan based on GBA to advance the situation of women, both within its own borders and globally.

Whereas Canada played a leading role at the Conference to secure the adoption of a strong Platform for Action that included key agreements on issues such as violence against women, unpaid work, and poverty.

Whereas in 2000 the federal government approved the Agenda for Gender Equality, a five year government-wide strategy, that accelerated the implementation of GBA to strengthen government policy capacity. Whereas the Expert Panel on Accountability Mechanisms for Gender Equality in its final report (2005) recommends in the immediate term, taking administrative actions and key policy decisions and in the medium term, adopting legislation to mandate GBA.

That, pursuant to Standing Order 108(2), that the Standing Committee on the Status of Women invite the Deputy Ministers from key ministries (Finance, Justice, Human Resources, Immigration and Treasury Board) to provide an update of the implementation of GBA in their areas. .

Debate arose thereon.

After debate, the question was put on the motion and it was agreed to.

At 12:11 p.m., the Committee adjourned to the call of the Chair.

Michelle Tittley
Clerk of the Committee

2006/09/27 12:36 p.m.

HOUSE OF COMMONS OF CANADA
39th PARLIAMENT, 1st SESSION

MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS
STANDING COMMITTEE ON THE STATUS OF WOMEN

Chair: Judy Sgro.

Meeting No. 14

Tuesday, October 3, 2006

ORDER OF THE DAY:

Pursuant to Standing Order 108(2) and the motion adopted by the Committee on Thursday, September 21st, 2006, the Committee commenced its study of human trafficking.

The Committee proceeded to the consideration of matters related to Committee business.

MEMBERS OF THE COMMITTEE PRESENT:

Patricia Davidson,
Johanne Deschamps,
Nina Grewal,
Helena Guergis,
Irene Mathysen,
Hon. Maria Minna,
Maria Mourani,
Hon. Judy Sgro,
Joy Smith,
Bruce Stanton
and Hon. Belinda Stronach.

ACTING MEMBERS PRESENT:

Christiane Gagnon for Johanne Deschamps,
and Cheryl Gallant for Helena Guergis.

IN ATTENDANCE:

Library of Parliament:

Marlisa Tiedemann, Analyst;
Lyne Casavant, Analyst.

WITNESSES:

Royal Canadian Mounted Police:

Lori Lowe, National Coordinator for Human Trafficking,
Immigration and Passport Branch, Border Integrity, Federal and
International Operations.

University of British Columbia:

Yvon Dandurand, Senior Associate, International Centre for
Criminal Law Reform & Criminal Justice Policy.

Michelle Tittley
Clerk of the Committee



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MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS

Meeting No. 14

Tuesday, October 3, 2006

The Standing Committee on the Status of Women met at 11:10 a.m. this day, in Room 308, West Block, the Chair, Judy Sgro, presiding.

Members of the Committee present: Patricia Davidson, Johanne Deschamps, Nina Grewal, Helena Guergis, Irene Mathysen, Hon. Maria Minna, Maria Mourani, Hon. Judy Sgro, Joy Smith, Bruce Stanton and Hon. Belinda Stronach.

Acting Members present: Christiane Gagnon for Johanne Deschamps and Cheryl Gallant for Helena Guergis.

In attendance: Library of Parliament: Marlisa Tiedemann, Analyst; Lyne Casavant, Analyst.

Witnesses: Royal Canadian Mounted Police: Lori Lowe, National Coordinator for Human Trafficking, Immigration and Passport Branch, Border Integrity, Federal and International Operations. *University of British Columbia:* Yvon Dandurand, Senior Associate, International Centre for Criminal Law Reform & Criminal Justice Policy.

Pursuant to Standing Order 108(2) and the motion adopted by the Committee on Thursday, September 21st, 2006, the Committee commenced its study of human trafficking.

The witnesses made statements and answered questions.

At 12:42 p.m., the sitting was suspended.

At 12:42 p.m., the sitting resumed.

The Committee proceeded to the consideration of matters related to Committee business.

At 12:47 p.m., the Committee adjourned to the call of the Chair.

Michelle Tittley
Clerk of the Committee

2006/10/04 9:44 a.m.

HOUSE OF COMMONS OF CANADA
39th PARLIAMENT, 1st SESSION

MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS
STANDING COMMITTEE ON THE STATUS OF WOMEN

Chair: Judy Sgro.

Meeting No. 15

Thursday, October 5, 2006

ORDER OF THE DAY:

Pursuant to Standing Order 108(2), the Committee commenced its study of Government Responses to Reports 1 to 3.

MEMBERS OF THE COMMITTEE PRESENT:

Patricia Davidson,
Johanne Deschamps,
Nina Grewal,
Helena Guergis,
Irene Mathysen,
Hon. Maria Minna,
Maria Mourani,
Hon. Anita Neville,
Hon. Judy Sgro,
Joy Smith,
Bruce Stanton
and Hon. Belinda Stronach.

IN ATTENDANCE:

Library of Parliament:
Marlisa Tiedemann, Analyst;
Lyne Casavant, Analyst.

APPEARING:

Hon. Bev Oda, Minister of Canadian Heritage and Status of Women.

WITNESSES:

Status of Women Canada:

Jackie Claxton, Director General, Women's Programs and
Regional Operations;
Florence Ievers, Coordinator;
Nanci-Jean Waugh, Director General, Governance and
Communications Directorate.

Michelle Tittley
Clerk of the Committee

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MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS

Meeting No. 15

Thursday, October 5, 2006

The Standing Committee on the Status of Women met in a televised session at 11:13 a.m. this day, in Room 237-C, Centre Block, the Chair, Judy Sgro, presiding.

Members of the Committee present: Patricia Davidson, Johanne Deschamps, Nina Grewal, Helena Guergis, Irene Mathysen, Hon. Maria Minna, Maria Mourani, Hon. Anita Neville, Hon. Judy Sgro, Joy Smith, Bruce Stanton and Hon. Belinda Stronach.

In attendance: Library of Parliament: Marlisa Tiedemann, Analyst; Lyne Casavant, Analyst.

Appearing: Hon. Bev Oda, Minister of Canadian Heritage and Status of Women.

Witnesses: Status of Women Canada: Jackie Claxton, Director General, Women's Programs and Regional Operations; Florence Ievers, Coordinator; Nanci-Jean Waugh, Director General, Governance and Communications Directorate.

Pursuant to Standing Order 108(2), the Committee commenced its study of Government Responses to Reports 1 to 3.

The witnesses made statements and answered questions.

At 12:57 p.m., the Committee adjourned to the call of the Chair.

Michelle Tittley
Clerk of the Committee

2006/10/06 3:43 p.m.

HOUSE OF COMMONS OF CANADA
39th PARLIAMENT, 1st SESSION

MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS

STANDING COMMITTEE ON THE STATUS OF WOMEN

Chair: Judy Sgro.

Meeting No. 16

Tuesday, October 17, 2006

ORDER OF THE DAY:

Pursuant to Standing Order 81(4), the Committee commenced consideration of the Main Estimates 2006-2007 : Votes 110 and 115 under Canadian Heritage (Status of Women - Office of the Coordinator), referred to the Committee on Tuesday, April 25, 2006.

Pursuant to Standing Order 108(2) and the motion adopted by the Committee on Thursday, September 21st, 2006, the Committee commenced its study of human trafficking.

MEMBERS OF THE COMMITTEE PRESENT:

Patricia Davidson,
Johanne Deschamps,
Nina Grewal,
Helena Guergis,
Irene Mathyssen,
Maria Mourani,
Hon. Anita Neville,
Hon. Judy Sgro,
Joy Smith,
Bruce Stanton
and Hon. Belinda Stronach.

ACTING MEMBERS PRESENT:

David Sweet for Helena Guergis.

IN ATTENDANCE:

Library of Parliament:

Lyne Casavant, Analyst;
Marlisa Tiedemann, Analyst.

WITNESSES:

Status of Women Canada:

Florence Ievers, Coordinator;
Nanci-Jean Waugh, Director General, Governance and
Communications Directorate;
Jackie Claxton, Director General, Women's Programs and
Regional Operations;
Hélène Dwyer-Renaud, Director, Gender-Based Analysis and
Accountability Directorate and Research Directorate;
Guylaine Metayer, Director, Corporate Services.

Department of Justice:

Carole Morency, Senior Counsel, Criminal Law Policy Section.

Department of Foreign Affairs:

Adèle Dion, Director General, Human Security and Human Rights.

Florence Ievers made a statement and along with Nanci-Jean Waugh, Jackie Claxton and Hélène Dwyer-Renaud, answered questions.

Carole Morency and Adèle Dion made statements and answered questions.

Michelle Tittley
Clerk of the Committee

MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS

Meeting No. 16

Tuesday, October 17, 2006

The Standing Committee on the Status of Women met at 11:08 a.m. this day, in Room 308, West Block, the Chair, Judy Sgro, presiding.

Members of the Committee present: Patricia Davidson, Johanne Deschamps, Nina Grewal, Helena Guergis, Irene Mathyssen, Maria Mourani, Hon. Anita Neville, Hon. Judy Sgro, Joy Smith, Bruce Stanton and Hon. Belinda Stronach.

Acting Members present: David Sweet for Helena Guergis.

In attendance: Library of Parliament: Lyne Casavant, Analyst; Marlisa Tiedemann, Analyst.

Witnesses: Status of Women Canada: Florence Ievers, Coordinator; Nanci-Jean Waugh, Director General, Governance and Communications Directorate; Jackie Claxton, Director General, Women's Programs and Regional Operations; Hélène Dwyer-Renaud, Director, Gender-Based Analysis and Accountability Directorate and Research Directorate; Guylaine Metayer, Director, Corporate Services. *Department of Justice:* Carole Morency, Senior Counsel, Criminal Law Policy Section. *Department of Foreign Affairs:* Adèle Dion, Director General, Human Security and Human Rights.

Pursuant to Standing Order 81(4), the Committee commenced consideration of the Main Estimates 2006-2007 : Votes 110 and 115 under Canadian Heritage (Status of Women - Office of the Coordinator), referred to the Committee on Tuesday, April 25, 2006.

Florence Ievers made a statement and along with Nanci-Jean Waugh, Jackie Claxton and Hélène Dwyer-Renaud, answered questions.

Vote 110 under Canadian Heritage, Status of Women, carried.

Vote 115 under Canadian Heritage, Status of Women, carried.

It was agreed, — That the Chair report Votes 110 and 115, under Canadian Heritage, Status of Women, to the House.

At 12:02 p.m., the sitting was suspended.

At 12:03 p.m., the sitting resumed.

Pursuant to Standing Order 108(2) and the motion adopted by the Committee on Thursday, September 21st, 2006, the Committee resumed its study of human trafficking.

Carole Morency and Adèle Dion made statements and answered questions.

At 12:57 p.m., the Committee adjourned to the call of the Chair.

Michelle Tittley
Clerk of the Committee

2006/10/18 1:49 p.m.

HOUSE OF COMMONS OF CANADA
39th PARLIAMENT, 1st SESSION

MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS

STANDING COMMITTEE ON THE STATUS OF WOMEN

Chair: Judy Sgro.

Meeting No. 17

Thursday, October 19, 2006

ORDER OF THE DAY:

The Committee proceeded to the consideration of matters related to Committee business.

Pursuant to Standing Order 108(2) and the motion adopted by the Committee on Thursday, September 21st, 2006, the Committee commenced its study of human trafficking.

MEMBERS OF THE COMMITTEE PRESENT:

Patricia Davidson,
Johanne Deschamps,
Nina Grewal,
Irene Mathyssen,
Hon. Maria Minna,
Maria Mourani,
Hon. Anita Neville,
Hon. Judy Sgro,
Joy Smith
and Bruce Stanton.

ACTING MEMBERS PRESENT:

Blaine Calkins for Helena Guergis,
and Caroline St-Hilaire for Johanne Deschamps.

IN ATTENDANCE:

Library of Parliament:

Marlisa Tiedemann, Analyst;
Lyne Casavant, Analyst.

WITNESSES:

University of Ottawa:

Richard Poulin, Full Professor, Department of Sociology and
Anthropology.

University of New Brunswick:

Leslie Ann Jeffrey, Associate Professor, Department of History
and Politics.

Richard Poulin and Leslie Jeffrey made statements and answered questions.

Michelle Tittley
Clerk of the Committee

MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS

Meeting No. 17

Thursday, October 19, 2006

The Standing Committee on the Status of Women met at 11:15 a.m. this day, in Room 308, West Block, the Chair, Judy Sgro, presiding.

Members of the Committee present: Patricia Davidson, Johanne Deschamps, Nina Grewal, Irene Mathyssen, Hon. Maria Minna, Maria Mourani, Hon. Anita Neville, Hon. Judy Sgro, Joy Smith and Bruce Stanton.

Acting Members present: Blaine Calkins for Helena Guergis and Caroline St-Hilaire for Johanne Deschamps.

In attendance: Library of Parliament: Marlisa Tiedemann, Analyst; Lyne Casavant, Analyst.

Witnesses: University of Ottawa: Richard Poulin, Full Professor, Department of Sociology and Anthropology. *University of New Brunswick:* Leslie Ann Jeffrey, Associate Professor, Department of History and Politics.

The Committee proceeded to the consideration of matters related to Committee business.

Irene Mathyssen moved, — That, in consideration of the funding cuts announced September 25, 2006, that House of Commons Standing Committee on the Status of Women recommends the government continue funding all activities of Status of Women Canada at the 2005-2006 level or higher and that the chair report the adoption of this motion to the House forthwith.

After debate, the question was put on the motion and the result of the vote was announced: YEAS: 5; NAYS: 5.

Whereupon, the Chair voted in the affirmative.

Accordingly, the motion was agreed to.

Irene Mathyssen moved, — That, in consideration of the new mandate of the Women's Program of Status of Women, effective September 27, 2006, the House of Commons Standing Committee on the Status of Women recommends the government reinstates the previous mandate for the five years and that the chair report the adoption of this motion to the House forthwith.

After debate, the question was put on the motion and the result of the vote was announced: YEAS: 5; NAYS: 5.

Whereupon, the Chair voted in the affirmative.

Accordingly, the motion was agreed to.

Pursuant to Standing Order 108(2) and the motion adopted by the Committee on Thursday, September

21st, 2006, the Committee resumed its study of human trafficking.

Richard Poulin and Leslie Jeffrey made statements and answered questions.

At 12:58 p.m., the Committee adjourned to the call of the Chair.

Michelle Tittley
Clerk of the Committee

2006/10/20 3:16 p.m.

HOUSE OF COMMONS OF CANADA
39th PARLIAMENT, 1st SESSION

MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS

STANDING COMMITTEE ON THE STATUS OF WOMEN

Chair: Judy Sgro.

Meeting No. 18

Tuesday, October 24, 2006

ORDER OF THE DAY:

Pursuant to Standing Order 108(2) and the motion adopted by the Committee on Thursday, September 21st, 2006, the Committee commenced its study of human trafficking.

Pursuant to Standing Order 108(2), the Committee commenced its study of the government response to report 7.

MEMBERS OF THE COMMITTEE PRESENT:

Patricia Davidson,
Nina Grewal,
Helena Guergis,
Hon. Maria Minna,
Maria Mourani,
Hon. Anita Neville,
Hon. Judy Sgro,
Joy Smith,
Bruce Stanton
and Hon. Belinda Stronach.

ACTING MEMBERS PRESENT:

Chris Charlton for Irene Mathyssen,
Jean Crowder for Irene Mathyssen,
Claude DeBellefeuille for Johanne Deschamps,
and Marc Lemay for Johanne Deschamps.

IN ATTENDANCE:

Library of Parliament:

Lyne Casavant, Analyst;
Marlisa Tiedemann, Analyst.

APPEARING:

Hon. Jim Prentice, Minister of Indian Affairs and Northern Development.

WITNESSES:

Department of Justice:

Christine Aubin, Legal Counsel, Legal Services.

Department of Indian Affairs and Northern Development :

Sandra Ginnish, Director General, Treaties, Research, International and Gender Equality Branch;
Wendy Grant-John, Ministerial Representative , Women's Issues and Gender Equality Directorate;
Holly King, Acting Director, Women's Issues and Gender Equality Directorate.

National Organization of Immigrant and Visible Minority Women of Canada:

Mirjana Pobric, Project Coordinator;
Shandip Saha, Researcher.

Salvation Army:

Danielle Strickland, Captain.

Danielle Strickland, Mirjana Pobric and Dr. Shandip Saha made statements and answered questions.

The Hon. Jim Prentice made a statement and, with the Wendy Grant-John and Christine Aubin, answered questions.

Michelle Tittley
Clerk of the Committee

MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS

Meeting No. 18

Tuesday, October 24, 2006

The Standing Committee on the Status of Women met in a televised session at 11:10 a.m. this day, in Room 253-D, Centre Block, the Chair, Judy Sgro, presiding.

Members of the Committee present: Patricia Davidson, Nina Grewal, Helena Guergis, Hon. Maria Minna, Maria Mourani, Hon. Anita Neville, Hon. Judy Sgro, Joy Smith, Bruce Stanton and Hon. Belinda Stronach.

Acting Members present: Chris Charlton for Irene Mathyssen, Jean Crowder for Irene Mathyssen, Claude DeBellefeuille for Johanne Deschamps and Marc Lemay for Johanne Deschamps.

In attendance: Library of Parliament: Lyne Casavant, Analyst; Marlisa Tiedemann, Analyst.

Appearing: Hon. Jim Prentice, Minister of Indian Affairs and Northern Development.

Witnesses: Department of Justice: Christine Aubin, Legal Counsel, Legal Services. *Department of Indian Affairs and Northern Development :* Sandra Ginnish, Director General, Treaties, Research, International and Gender Equality Branch; Wendy Grant-John, Ministerial Representative , Women's Issues and Gender Equality Directorate; Holly King, Acting Director, Women's Issues and Gender Equality Directorate. *National Organization of Immigrant and Visible Minority Women of Canada:* Mirjana Pobric, Project Coordinator; Shandip Saha, Researcher. *Salvation Army:* Danielle Strickland, Captain.

Pursuant to Standing Order 108(2) and the motion adopted by the Committee on Thursday, September 21st, 2006, the Committee resumed its study of human trafficking.

Danielle Strickland, Mirjana Pobric and Dr. Shandip Saha made statements and answered questions.

At 12:00 p.m., the sitting was suspended.

At 12:07 p.m., the sitting resumed.

Pursuant to Standing Order 108(2), the Committee commenced its study of the government response to report no. 7.

The Hon. Jim Prentice made a statement and, with the Wendy Grant-John and Christine Aubin, answered questions.

At 12:57 p.m., the Committee adjourned to the call of the Chair.

Michelle Tittley
Clerk of the Committee

2006/10/25 2:54 p.m.

HOUSE OF COMMONS OF CANADA
39th PARLIAMENT, 1st SESSION

MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS

STANDING COMMITTEE ON THE STATUS OF WOMEN

Chair: Judy Sgro.

Meeting No. 19

Thursday, October 26, 2006

ORDER OF THE DAY:

Pursuant to Standing Order 108(2) and the motion adopted by the Committee on Thursday, September 21st, 2006, the Committee resumed its study of human trafficking.

The Committee proceeded to the consideration of matters related to Committee business.

MEMBERS OF THE COMMITTEE PRESENT:

Johanne Deschamps,
Nina Grewal,
Helena Guergis,
Irene Mathysen,
Hon. Maria Minna,
Maria Mourani,
Hon. Anita Neville,
Hon. Judy Sgro,
Joy Smith
and Bruce Stanton.

ACTING MEMBERS PRESENT:

Sukh Dhaliwal for Hon. Belinda Stronach,
and Laurie Hawn for Patricia Davidson.

IN ATTENDANCE:

Library of Parliament:

Marlisa Tiedemann, Analyst;
Laura Barnett, Analyst.

WITNESSES:

International Organization for Migration:

Vivita Rozenbergs, Head, Counter Trafficking Unit;
Niurka Piñeiro, Regional Coordinator, Media and External
Relations.

International Labor Organization:

Armand F. Pereira, Director, Washington Office.

Comité d'action contre le trafic humain interne et international:

Jean Bellefeuille, Member;
Aurélié Lebrun, Member and Researcher.

Vivita Rozenbergs, Armand F. Pereira, Jean Bellefeuille and Aurélié Lebrun made statements and, with Niurka Piñeiro, answered questions.

Michelle Tittley
Clerk of the Committee

MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS

Meeting No. 19

Thursday, October 26, 2006

The Standing Committee on the Status of Women met at 11:10 a.m. this day, in Room 371, West Block, the Vice-Chair, Joy Smith, presiding.

Members of the Committee present: Johanne Deschamps, Nina Grewal, Helena Guergis, Irene Mathysen, Hon. Maria Minna, Maria Mourani, Hon. Anita Neville, Hon. Judy Sgro, Joy Smith and Bruce Stanton.

Acting Members present: Sukh Dhaliwal for Hon. Belinda Stronach and Laurie Hawn for Patricia Davidson.

In attendance: Library of Parliament: Marlisa Tiedemann, Analyst; Laura Barnett, Analyst.

Witnesses: International Organization for Migration: Vivita Rozenbergs, Head, Counter Trafficking Unit; Niurka Piñeiro, Regional Coordinator, Media and External Relations. *International Labor Organization:* Armand F. Pereira, Director, Washington Office. *Comité d'action contre le trafic humain interne et international:* Jean Bellefeuille, Member; Aurélie Lebrun, Member and Researcher.

Pursuant to Standing Order 108(2) and the motion adopted by the Committee on Thursday, September 21st, 2006, the Committee resumed its study of human trafficking.

Vivita Rozenbergs, Armand F. Pereira, Jean Bellefeuille and Aurélie Lebrun made statements and, with Niurka Piñeiro, answered questions.

Judy Sgro took the Chair.

At 12:32 p.m., the sitting was suspended.

At 12:33 p.m., the sitting resumed.

The Committee proceeded to the consideration of matters related to Committee business.

Maria Minna moved, — That,

Whereas the recent \$5 million in cuts to the operating budget of the Status of Women Canada places in jeopardy the valuable work done in this department to promote the equality women and;

Whereas these cuts will make it harder for women across the country to participate in the economic, social, cultural and political aspects of society and;

Whereas the draconian changes to the Terms and Conditions to the Women's Program under Status of Women undermines the very basis of our democracy – the ability to advocate on behalf of vulnerable groups and;

Whereas removing “equality” as one of the goals of the program sends a chilling message to the dedicated equality-seeking organizations throughout the country;

Pursuant to Standing Order 108(2), that the Standing Committee on the Status of Women Status of Women Ccanada recommends that the government reverse the \$5 million in cuts to the operating budget of Status of Women Canada and re-instate the original Terms and Conditions of the Women’s Program and that the Chair report the adoption of this motion to the House without delay .

Debate arose thereon.

Helena Guergis moved, — That the motion be amended by deleting the preamble.

The question was put on the motion and it was negatived, by a show of hands: YEAS: 5; NAYS: 6.

It was agreed, — That consideration of the motion be postponed until the next meeting.

At 1:05 p.m., the Committee adjourned to the call of the Chair.

Michelle Tittley
Clerk of the Committee

2006/10/31 9:41 a.m.

HOUSE OF COMMONS OF CANADA
39th PARLIAMENT, 1st SESSION

MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS

STANDING COMMITTEE ON THE STATUS OF WOMEN

Chair: Judy Sgro.

Meeting No. 20

Tuesday, October 31, 2006

ORDER OF THE DAY:

The Committee proceeded to the consideration of matters related to Committee business.

Pursuant to Standing Order 108(2) and the motion adopted by the Committee on Thursday, September 21st, 2006, the Committee resumed its study of human trafficking.

MEMBERS OF THE COMMITTEE PRESENT:

Patricia Davidson,
Johanne Deschamps,
Nina Grewal,
Helena Guergis,
Irene Mathysen,
Hon. Maria Minna,
Maria Mourani,
Hon. Anita Neville,
Hon. Judy Sgro,
Joy Smith,
Bruce Stanton
and Hon. Belinda Stronach.

ACTING MEMBERS PRESENT:

Larry Miller for Helena Guergis,
and Roger Valley for Hon. Anita Neville.

IN ATTENDANCE:

Library of Parliament:

Lyne Casavant, Analyst;
Marlisa Tiedemann, Analyst.

WITNESSES:

Department of Citizenship and Immigration:

Brian Grant, Director General, International and Intergovernmental Relations.

Toronto Police Service:

Michel Hamel, Manager , Risk Management and Special Victims Unit, Sex Crimes Unit.

Vancouver Police Department:

Michelle Holm, Detective Constable, Vice Unit.

Canada Border Services Agency:

Kimber Johnston, Director General, Policy and Program Development Directorate.

Vancouver Police Department:

Matt Kelly, Sergeant, Vice Unit.

Toronto Police Service:

Kim Scanlan, Detective Sergeant, Child Exploitation Section, Sex Crimes Unit.

Michelle Tittley
Clerk of the Committee

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MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS

Meeting No. 20

Tuesday, October 31, 2006

The Standing Committee on the Status of Women met at 10:08 a.m. this day, in Room 371, West Block, the Chair, Judy Sgro, presiding.

Members of the Committee present: Patricia Davidson, Johanne Deschamps, Nina Grewal, Helena Guergis, Irene Mathysen, Hon. Maria Minna, Maria Mourani, Hon. Anita Neville, Hon. Judy Sgro, Joy Smith, Bruce Stanton and Hon. Belinda Stronach.

Acting Members present: Larry Miller for Helena Guergis and Roger Valley for Hon. Anita Neville.

In attendance: Library of Parliament: Lyne Casavant, Analyst; Marlisa Tiedemann, Analyst.

Witnesses: Department of Citizenship and Immigration: Brian Grant, Director General, International and Intergovernmental Relations. *Toronto Police Service:* Michel Hamel, Manager, Risk Management and Special Victims Unit, Sex Crimes Unit. *Vancouver Police Department:* Michelle Holm, Detective Constable, Vice Unit. *Canada Border Services Agency:* Kimber Johnston, Director General, Policy and Program Development Directorate. *Vancouver Police Department:* Matt Kelly, Sergeant, Vice Unit. *Toronto Police Service:* Kim Scanlan, Detective Sergeant, Child Exploitation Section, Sex Crimes Unit.

The Committee proceeded to the consideration of matters related to Committee business.

Debate resumed on the motion of Maria Minna, as follows :

That,

Whereas the recent \$5 million in cuts to the operating budget of the Status of Women Canada places in jeopardy the valuable work done in this department to promote the equality women and;

Whereas these cuts will make it harder for women across the country to participate in the economic, social, cultural and political aspects of society and;

Whereas the draconian changes to the Terms and Conditions to the Women's Program under Status of Women undermines the very basis of our democracy – the ability to advocate on behalf of vulnerable groups and;

Whereas removing “equality” as one of the goals of the program sends a chilling message to the dedicated equality-seeking organizations throughout the country;

Pursuant to Standing Order 108(2), that the Standing Committee on the Status of Women recommends that the government reverse the \$5 million in cuts to the operating budget of Status of Women Canada and re-instate the original Terms and Conditions of the Women's Program and that the Chair report the adoption of this motion to the House without delay.

The question was put on the motion and it was agreed to on the following recorded division: YEAS:

Johanne Deschamps, Irene Mathyssen, Maria Minna, Maria Mourani, Belinda Stronach, Roger Valley — 6; NAYS: Patricia Davidson, Nina Grewal, Joy Smith, Bruce Stanton — 4.

Joy Smith moved, — Pursuant to Standing Order 108(2) that the Standing Committee on the Status of Women recognize that all women are equal in Canada under the Constitution and the Charter of Rights and Freedoms and that the government strive to address the barriers that would prevent the full participation of women in Canadian society, so the economic, social and cultural situation is improved through projects directly impacting women in communities across Canada.

Debate arose thereon.

Belinda Stronach moved, — That the motion be amended by adding the phrase “reinstate equality as the primary goal of the women's program at Status of Women Canada” after the word “government” and adding the phrase “political and legal aspects” after the word “social” and by deleting “through projects directly impacting women in communities across Canada”.

Debate arose thereon.

Maria Mourani moved, — That the motion be amended by adding the phrase “women are in fact not equal in Canada, and concrete measures are becoming essential to compensate for the inequalities women experience, in part by adopting pay equity legislation.” after the word “that” and by deleting the phrase “all women are equal in Canada under the Constitution and the Charter of Rights and Freedoms and that the”, and by adding the phrase: “We also acknowledge that this government is not attempting” after the word “pay” and adding the words “political, legal” after the word “social” and deleting the phrase “is improved through projects directly impacting women in communities across Canada”.

Debate arose thereon.

A point of order was raised regarding the procedural admissibility of the proposed sub-amendment to the proposed motion.

The Chair ruled the proposed sub-amendment out of order because it is the direct negative of the motion and is outside the scope of the motion.

A point of order was raised regarding the procedural admissibility of the proposed amendment to the motion.

The Chair reserved her decision until the next meeting.

It was agreed, — That, the study focus on human trafficking for the purposes of sexual exploitation and that the committee work towards a draft report in December.

It was agreed, — That the Committee append to its 10th report a dissenting opinion from the Conservative Party.

At 11:07 a.m., the sitting was suspended.

At 11:18 a.m., the sitting resumed.

Pursuant to Standing Order 108(2) and the motion adopted by the Committee on Thursday, September 21st, 2006, the Committee resumed its study of human trafficking.

The witnesses made statements and answered questions.

At 12:55 p.m., the Committee adjourned to the call of the Chair.

Michelle Tittley
Clerk of the Committee

2006/11/03 4:41 p.m.

HOUSE OF COMMONS OF CANADA
39th PARLIAMENT, 1st SESSION

MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS
STANDING COMMITTEE ON THE STATUS OF WOMEN

Chair: Judy Sgro.

Meeting No. 21

Thursday, November 2, 2006

ORDER OF THE DAY:

Pursuant to Standing Order 108(2) and the motion adopted by the Committee on Thursday, September 21st, 2006, the Committee resumed its study of human trafficking.

The Committee proceeded to the consideration of matters related to Committee business.

MEMBERS OF THE COMMITTEE PRESENT:

Patricia Davidson,
Nina Grewal,
Irene Mathysen,
Hon. Maria Minna,
Maria Mourani,
Hon. Anita Neville,
Hon. Judy Sgro,
Joy Smith,
Bruce Stanton
and Hon. Belinda Stronach.

ACTING MEMBERS PRESENT:

Ed Fast for Helena Guergis,
and Réal Ménard for Johanne Deschamps.

IN ATTENDANCE:

Library of Parliament:

Marlisa Tiedemann, Analyst;
Lyne Casavant, Analyst.

WITNESSES:

Panache Model and Talent Management:

Liz Crawford.

Native Women's Association of Canada:

Ms. Erin Wolski, Research Coordinator.

Concertation des luttes contre l'exploitation sexuelle:

Rh a Jean, Doctorand in Philosophy, University of Sherbrooke;
Diane Matte, Ex-Coordinator, International Secretariat.

Help Us Help The Children:

Irena Soltys, Coordinator.

Michelle Tittley
Clerk of the Committee

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MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS

Meeting No. 21

Thursday, November 2, 2006

The Standing Committee on the Status of Women met at 11:10 a.m. this day, in Room 308, West Block, the Chair, Judy Sgro, presiding.

Members of the Committee present: Patricia Davidson, Nina Grewal, Irene Mathyssen, Hon. Maria Minna, Maria Mourani, Hon. Anita Neville, Hon. Judy Sgro, Joy Smith, Bruce Stanton and Hon. Belinda Stronach.

Acting Members present: Ed Fast for Helena Guergis and Réal Ménard for Johanne Deschamps.

In attendance: Library of Parliament: Marlisa Tiedemann, Analyst; Lyne Casavant, Analyst.

Witnesses: Panache Model and Talent Management: Liz Crawford. *Native Women's Association of Canada:* Ms. Erin Wolski, Research Coordinator. *Concertation des luttes contre l'exploitation sexuelle:* Rhéa Jean, Doctorand in Philosophy, University of Sherbrooke; Diane Matte, Ex-Coordinator, International Secretariat. *Help Us Help The Children:* Irena Soltys, Coordinator.

Pursuant to Standing Order 108(2) and the motion adopted by the Committee on Thursday, September 21st, 2006, the Committee resumed its study of human trafficking.

The witnesses made statements and answered questions.

The Committee agreed to postpone the consideration of the motion by Joy Smith until next meeting.

At 12:56 p.m., the Committee adjourned to the call of the Chair.

Michelle Tittley
Clerk of the Committee

2006/11/03 4:45 p.m.

Library of Parliament:

Lyne Casavant, Analyst;
Marlisa Tiedemann, Analyst.

WITNESSES:

National Association of Women and the Law:

Chantal Tie, Lawyer.

Michelle Tittley
Clerk of the Committee

MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS

Meeting No. 22

Tuesday, November 7, 2006

The Standing Committee on the Status of Women met at 11:17 a.m. this day, in Room 209, West Block, the Chair, Judy Sgro, presiding.

Members of the Committee present: Patricia Davidson, Johanne Deschamps, Nina Grewal, Irene Mathyssen, Hon. Maria Minna, Maria Mourani, Hon. Anita Neville, Hon. Judy Sgro, Bruce Stanton and Hon. Belinda Stronach.

Acting Members present: Claude DeBellefeuille for Maria Mourani, David Sweet for Helena Guergis and David Tilson for Joy Smith.

In attendance: Library of Parliament: Lyne Casavant, Analyst; Marlisa Tiedemann, Analyst.

Witnesses: National Association of Women and the Law: Chantale Tie, Lawyer.

The Committee proceeded to the consideration of matters related to Committee business.

The Committee resumed consideration of the motion by Joy Smith, as follows:

Pursuant to Standing Order 108 (2) that the Standing Committee on the Status of Women recognize that all women are equal in Canada under the Constitution and the Charter of Rights and Freedoms and that the government strive to address the barriers that would prevent the full participation of women in Canadian society, so the economic, social and cultural situation is improved through projects directly impacting women in communities across Canada.

The Committee resumed consideration of the amendment to the motion by Belinda Stronach, as follows:

That the motion be amended by adding the phrase “reinstate equality as the primary goal of the women's program at Status of Women Canada” after the word “government” and adding “political and legal aspects” after the word “social” and by deleting the phrase “through projects directly impacting women in communities across Canada”.

The Chair ruled the proposed amendment on Joy Smith 's motion out of order.

The question was put on the motion and it was negatived on the following recorded division: YEAS: Patricia Davidson, Nina Grewal, Bruce Stanton, David Sweet, David Tilson — 5; NAYS: Claude DeBellefeuille, Johanne Deschamps, Irene Mathyssen, Maria Minna, Anita Neville, Belinda Stronach — 6.

Belinda Stronach moved, — Pursuant to Standing Order 108 (2) (b), that the Standing Committee on the Status of Women (SWC) hold extended meetings to assess the impact the cuts to Status of Women Canada and the extensive changes to the Terms and Conditions of the Women's Program have had on the ability of Status of Women Canada to carry on its important work on behalf of women in Canada.

The question was put on the motion and it was agreed to on the following recorded division: YEAS: Patricia Davidson, Claude DeBellefeuille, Johanne Deschamps, Nina Grewal, Irene Mathyssen, Maria Minna, Anita Neville, Bruce Stanton, Belinda Stronach, David Sweet, David Tilson — 11; NAYS: — 0.

At 11:37 a.m., the Committee proceeded to sit *in camera* to discuss drafting instructions on a report.

At 11:59 a.m., the sitting was suspended.

At 12:00 p.m., the sitting resumed in public.

Pursuant to Standing Order 108(2) and the motion adopted by the Committee on Thursday, September 21st, 2006, the Committee resumed its study of human trafficking.

The witness made a statement and answered questions.

At 12:59 p.m., the Committee adjourned to the call of the Chair.

Michelle Tittley
Clerk of the Committee

2006/11/09 7:38 a.m.

HOUSE OF COMMONS OF CANADA
39th PARLIAMENT, 1st SESSION

MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS
STANDING COMMITTEE ON THE STATUS OF WOMEN

Chair: Judy Sgro.

Meeting No. 23

Thursday, November 9, 2006

ORDER OF THE DAY:

Pursuant to Standing Order 108(2) and the motion adopted by the Committee on Thursday, September 21st, 2006, the Committee resumed its study of human trafficking.

The Committee proceeded to the consideration of matters related to Committee business.

MEMBERS OF THE COMMITTEE PRESENT:

Patricia Davidson,
Johanne Deschamps,
Helena Guergis,
Irene Mathysen,
Hon. Maria Minna,
Maria Mourani,
Hon. Judy Sgro,
Joy Smith
and Bruce Stanton.

ACTING MEMBERS PRESENT:

Ken Epp for Nina Grewal,
and Hon. John Godfrey for Hon. Belinda Stronach.

IN ATTENDANCE:

Library of Parliament:

Lyne Casavant, Analyst;
Marlisa Tiedemann, Analyst.

WITNESSES:

Montreal City Police Service:

Dominic Monchamp, Sergeant Detective, Supervisor of
Investigations Module (E.S.E.C.), Commercial Sexual Exploitation
of Children, Vice and Alcohol West.

Global Alliance Against Traffic in Women Canada:

Shauna Paull, Member.

Michelle Tittley
Clerk of the Committee

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MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS

Meeting No. 23

Thursday, November 9, 2006

The Standing Committee on the Status of Women met at 11:15 a.m. this day, in Room 371, West Block, the Chair, Judy Sgro, presiding.

Members of the Committee present: Patricia Davidson, Johanne Deschamps, Helena Guergis, Irene Mathysen, Hon. Maria Minna, Maria Mourani, Hon. Judy Sgro, Joy Smith and Bruce Stanton.

Acting Members present: Ken Epp for Nina Grewal and Hon. John Godfrey for Hon. Belinda Stronach.

In attendance: Library of Parliament: Lyne Casavant, Analyst; Marlisa Tiedemann, Analyst.

Witnesses: Montreal City Police Service: Dominic Monchamp, Sergeant Detective, Supervisor of Investigations Module (E.S.E.C.), Commercial Sexual Exploitation of Children, Vice and Alcohol West.
Global Alliance Against Traffic in Women Canada: Shauna Paull, Member.

Pursuant to Standing Order 108(2) and the motion adopted by the Committee on Thursday, September 21st, 2006, the Committee resumed its study of human trafficking.

The witnesses made statements and answered questions.

At 12:32 p.m., the sitting was suspended.

At 12:32 p.m., the sitting resumed.

The Committee proceeded to the consideration of matters related to Committee business.

It was agreed, — That the meeting with the Deputy Minister on Gender Based Analysis be postponed until the new year.

It was agreed, — That the Committee hold meetings on the changes to Status of Women Canada on Wednesday, December 6, from 3:30 p.m. to 6:30 p.m. and on Wednesday, December 13, from 3:30 p.m. to 6:30 p.m.

At 12:58 p.m., the Committee adjourned to the call of the Chair.

Michelle Tittley
Clerk of the Committee

2006/11/10 1:52 p.m.

HOUSE OF COMMONS OF CANADA
39th PARLIAMENT, 1st SESSION

MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS
STANDING COMMITTEE ON THE STATUS OF WOMEN

Chair: Judy Sgro.

Meeting No. 24

Tuesday, November 21, 2006

ORDER OF THE DAY:

Pursuant to Standing Order 108(2) and the motion adopted by the Committee on Thursday, September 21st, 2006, the Committee resumed its study of human trafficking.

The Committee proceeded to the consideration of matters related to Committee business.

MEMBERS OF THE COMMITTEE PRESENT:

Patricia Davidson,
Johanne Deschamps,
Nina Grewal,
Irene Mathysen,
Hon. Maria Minna,
Maria Mourani,
Hon. Anita Neville,
Hon. Judy Sgro,
Joy Smith
and Bruce Stanton.

ACTING MEMBERS PRESENT:

Hon. Carolyn Bennett for Hon. Belinda Stronach.

IN ATTENDANCE:

Library of Parliament:

Lyne Casavant, Analyst;
Marlisa Tiedemann, Analyst.

WITNESSES:

Separated Children Intervention and Orientation Network:
Deborah Isaacs, Project Coordinator, Sisters of Our Lady of
Charity of the Good Shepherd.

Coalition Against Trafficking in Women - International:
Barbara Kryszko, Coordinator, Action Alert.

The Future Group:
Benjamin Perrin, Advisor to the Board.

Ukrainian Canadian Congress:
Irene Sushko, National President.

Michelle Tittley
Clerk of the Committee



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MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS

Meeting No. 24

Tuesday, November 21, 2006

The Standing Committee on the Status of Women met at 11:10 a.m. this day, in Room 209, West Block, the Chair, Judy Sgro, presiding.

Members of the Committee present: Patricia Davidson, Johanne Deschamps, Nina Grewal, Irene Mathysen, Hon. Maria Minna, Maria Mourani, Hon. Anita Neville, Hon. Judy Sgro, Joy Smith and Bruce Stanton.

Acting Members present: Hon. Carolyn Bennett for Hon. Belinda Stronach.

In attendance: Library of Parliament: Lyne Casavant, Analyst; Marlisa Tiedemann, Analyst.

Witnesses: Separated Children Intervention and Orientation Network: Deborah Isaacs, Project Coordinator, Sisters of Our Lady of Charity of the Good Shepherd. *Coalition Against Trafficking in Women - International:* Barbara Kryszko, Coordinator, Action Alert. *The Future Group:* Benjamin Perrin, Advisor to the Board. *Ukrainian Canadian Congress:* Irene Sushko, National President.

Pursuant to Standing Order 108(2) and the motion adopted by the Committee on Thursday, September 21st, 2006, the Committee resumed its study of human trafficking.

The witnesses made statements and answered questions.

At 12:40 p.m., the sitting was suspended.

At 12:42 p.m., the sitting resumed.

The Committee proceeded to the consideration of matters related to Committee business.

It was agreed, — That the meeting on December 7, 2006 be from 11:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.

It was agreed, — That the meeting on December 6, 2006 be from 3:30 p.m. to 6:30 p.m. and the meeting on December 13, 2006 from 3:30 p.m. to 5:30 p.m.

By unanimous consent, on motion of Maria Mourani, it was agreed, — That the House of Commons Standing Committee on the Status of Women recommend to the government that it develop, in collaboration with the provinces, a comprehensive strategy to combat human trafficking in Canada, and that the adoption of this motion be reported to the House.

At 12:59 p.m., the Committee adjourned to the call of the Chair.

Michelle Tittley
Clerk of the Committee

2006/11/23 4:47 p.m.

HOUSE OF COMMONS OF CANADA
39th PARLIAMENT, 1st SESSION

MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS

STANDING COMMITTEE ON THE STATUS OF WOMEN

Chair: Judy Sgro.

Meeting No. 25

Thursday, November 23, 2006

ORDER OF THE DAY:

Pursuant to Standing Order 108(2) and the motion adopted by the Committee on Thursday, September 21st, 2006, the Committee resumed its study of human trafficking.

The Committee proceeded to the consideration of matters related to Committee business.

MEMBERS OF THE COMMITTEE PRESENT:

Patricia Davidson,
Johanne Deschamps,
Nina Grewal,
Hon. Maria Minna,
Maria Mourani,
Hon. Anita Neville,
Hon. Judy Sgro,
Joy Smith,
Bruce Stanton
and Hon. Belinda Stronach.

ACTING MEMBERS PRESENT:

Catherine Bell for Irene Mathysen.

IN ATTENDANCE:

Library of Parliament:

Lyne Casavant, Analyst;
Marlisa Tiedemann, Analyst.

WITNESSES:

As an Individual:
Victor Malarek.

Michelle Tittley
Clerk of the Committee

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Meeting No. 25

Thursday, November 23, 2006

The Standing Committee on the Status of Women met at 11:19 a.m. this day, in Room 209, West Block, the Chair, Judy Sgro, presiding.

Members of the Committee present: Patricia Davidson, Johanne Deschamps, Nina Grewal, Hon. Maria Minna, Maria Mourani, Hon. Anita Neville, Hon. Judy Sgro, Joy Smith, Bruce Stanton and Hon. Belinda Stronach.

Acting Members present: Catherine Bell for Irene Mathyssen.

In attendance: Library of Parliament: Lyne Casavant, Analyst; Marlisa Tiedemann, Analyst.

Witnesses: As an individual: Victor Malarek.

Pursuant to Standing Order 108(2) and the motion adopted by the Committee on Thursday, September 21st, 2006, the Committee resumed its study of human trafficking.

The witness made a statement and answered questions.

At 12:29 p.m., the sitting was suspended.

At 12:30 p.m., the sitting resumed *in camera*.

The Committee proceeded to the consideration of matters related to Committee business.

At 1:02 p.m., the Committee adjourned to the call of the Chair.

Michelle Tittley
Clerk of the Committee

2006/11/23 4:46 p.m.

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MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS

STANDING COMMITTEE ON THE STATUS OF WOMEN

Chair: Judy Sgro.

Meeting No. 26

Tuesday, November 28, 2006

ORDER OF THE DAY:

The Committee proceeded to the consideration of matters related to Committee business.

MEMBERS OF THE COMMITTEE PRESENT:

Patricia Davidson,
Johanne Deschamps,
Nina Grewal,
Helena Guergis,
Hon. Maria Minna,
Maria Mourani,
Hon. Anita Neville,
Hon. Judy Sgro,
Joy Smith,
Bruce Stanton
and Hon. Belinda Stronach.

ACTING MEMBERS PRESENT:

Dawn Black for Irene Mathyssen.

IN ATTENDANCE:

Library of Parliament:
Lyne Casavant, Analyst;
Marlisa Tiedemann, Analyst.

Michelle Tittley
Clerk of the Committee

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MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS

Meeting No. 26

Tuesday, November 28, 2006

The Standing Committee on the Status of Women met *in camera* at 11:10 a.m. this day, in Room 209, West Block, the Chair, Judy Sgro, presiding.

Members of the Committee present: Patricia Davidson, Johanne Deschamps, Nina Grewal, Helena Guergis, Hon. Maria Minna, Maria Mourani, Hon. Anita Neville, Hon. Judy Sgro, Joy Smith, Bruce Stanton and Hon. Belinda Stronach.

Acting Members present: Dawn Black for Irene Mathyssen.

In attendance: Library of Parliament: Lyne Casavant, Analyst; Marlisa Tiedemann, Analyst.

The Committee proceeded to the consideration of matters related to Committee business.

At 1:59 p.m., the Committee adjourned to the call of the Chair.

Michelle Tittley
Clerk of the Committee

2006/11/29 2:52 p.m.

HOUSE OF COMMONS OF CANADA
39th PARLIAMENT, 1st SESSION

MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS
STANDING COMMITTEE ON THE STATUS OF WOMEN

Chair: Judy Sgro.

Meeting No. 27

Tuesday, December 5, 2006

ORDER OF THE DAY:

Pursuant to Standing Order 108(2) and the motion adopted by the Committee on Thursday, September 21st, 2006, the Committee resumed its study of human trafficking.

The Committee proceeded to the consideration of matters related to Committee business.

MEMBERS OF THE COMMITTEE PRESENT:

Patricia Davidson,
Johanne Deschamps,
Nina Grewal,
Helena Guergis,
Irene Mathysen,
Hon. Maria Minna,
Maria Mourani,
Hon. Judy Sgro,
Joy Smith,
Bruce Stanton
and Hon. Belinda Stronach.

IN ATTENDANCE:

Parliamentary Information and Research Service:
Marlisa Tiedemann, Analyst.

WITNESSES:

Federation of Sisters of St. Joseph of Canada:

Joan Atkinson, Co-director, Office for Systemic Justice.

Canadian Feminist Alliance for International Action:

Gunilla Ekberg, Researcher on Trafficking in Human Beings.

International Justice Mission Canada:

Jamie McIntosh, Executive Director;

Mrs. Hiroko Sawai, Research Associate.

Federation of Sisters of St. Joseph of Canada:

Sue Wilson, Co-director, Office of Systemic Justice.

Jamie McIntosh , Sue Wilson, Joan Atkinson and Gunilla Ekberg made statements and, with Hiroko Sawai, answered questions.

Michelle Tittley
Clerk of the Committee



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MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS

Meeting No. 27

Tuesday, December 5, 2006

The Standing Committee on the Status of Women met at 11:08 a.m. this day, in Room 209, West Block, the Chair, Judy Sgro, presiding.

Members of the Committee present: Patricia Davidson, Johanne Deschamps, Nina Grewal, Helena Guergis, Irene Mathysen, Hon. Maria Minna, Maria Mourani, Hon. Judy Sgro, Joy Smith, Bruce Stanton and Hon. Belinda Stronach.

In attendance: Parliamentary Information and Research Service: Marlisa Tiedemann, Analyst.

Witnesses: Federation of Sisters of St. Joseph of Canada: Joan Atkinson, Co-director, Office for Systemic Justice. *Canadian Feminist Alliance for International Action:* Gunilla Ekberg, Researcher on Trafficking in Human Beings. *International Justice Mission Canada:* Jamie McIntosh, Executive Director; Mrs. Hiroko Sawai, Research Associate. *Federation of Sisters of St. Joseph of Canada:* Sue Wilson, Co-director, Office of Systemic Justice.

Pursuant to Standing Order 108(2) and the motion adopted by the Committee on Thursday, September 21st, 2006, the Committee resumed its study of human trafficking.

Jamie McIntosh, Sue Wilson, Joan Atkinson and Gunilla Ekberg made statements and, with Hiroko Sawai, answered questions.

At 12:50 p.m., the sitting was suspended.

At 12:51 p.m., the sitting resumed *in camera*.

The Committee proceeded to the consideration of matters related to Committee business.

At 1:01 p.m., the Committee adjourned to the call of the Chair.

Michelle Tittley
Clerk of the Committee

2006/12/05 6:08 p.m.

HOUSE OF COMMONS OF CANADA
39th PARLIAMENT, 1st SESSION

MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS

STANDING COMMITTEE ON THE STATUS OF WOMEN

Chair: Judy Sgro.

Meeting No. 28

Wednesday, December 6, 2006

ORDER OF THE DAY:

Pursuant to Standing Order 108(2) and the motion adopted by the Committee on October 31, 2006, the Committee resumed its study of the Potential impact of recent funding and program changes at Status of Women Canada.

MEMBERS OF THE COMMITTEE PRESENT:

Patricia Davidson,
Johanne Deschamps,
Nina Grewal,
Helena Guergis,
Irene Mathysen,
Hon. Maria Minna,
Maria Mourani,
Hon. Anita Neville,
Hon. Judy Sgro,
Joy Smith,
Bruce Stanton
and Hon. Belinda Stronach.

IN ATTENDANCE:

Library of Parliament:
Marlisa Tiedemann, Analyst;
Julie Cool, Analyst.

WITNESSES:

Canadian Feminist Alliance for International Action:
Leilani Farha, Co-Chair, Human Rights Committee.

National Association of Women and the Law:
Andrée Côté, Director, Legislation and Law Reform.

National Council of Women of Canada :
Catharine Laidlaw-Sly, Policy Advisor.

Native Women's Association of Canada:
Sherry Lewis, Executive Director.

Canadian Research Institute for the Advancement of Women:
Lise Martin, Executive Director.

Disabled Women's Network of Canada:
Monika Chappell, Chair.

Fédération des femmes du Québec:
Charlotte Thibault, Member.

Provincial Advisory Council on the Status of Women - Newfoundland and Labrador:
Leslie MacLeod, President.

United Nation Platform for Action Committee Manitoba :
Jennifer deGroot, Project Coordinator.

Catharine Laidlaw-Sly, Leilani Farha, Andrée Côté and Sherry Lewis made statements and answered questions.

Charlotte Thibault, Leslie MacLeod, Jennifer deGroot, Lise Martin and Monika Chappell made statements and answered questions.

Michelle Tittley
Clerk of the Committee

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Meeting No. 28

Wednesday, December 6, 2006

The Standing Committee on the Status of Women met in a televised session at 3:41 p.m. this day, in Room 253-D, Centre Block, the Chair, Judy Sgro, presiding.

Members of the Committee present: Patricia Davidson, Johanne Deschamps, Nina Grewal, Helena Guergis, Irene Mathysen, Hon. Maria Minna, Maria Mourani, Hon. Anita Neville, Hon. Judy Sgro, Joy Smith, Bruce Stanton and Hon. Belinda Stronach.

In attendance: Library of Parliament: Marlisa Tiedemann, Analyst; Julie Cool, Analyst.

Witnesses: Canadian Feminist Alliance for International Action: Leilani Farha, Co-Chair, Human Rights Committee. *National Association of Women and the Law:* Andrée Côté, Director, Legislation and Law Reform. *National Council of Women of Canada :* Catharine Laidlaw-Sly, Policy Advisor. *Native Women's Association of Canada:* Sherry Lewis, Executive Director. *Canadian Research Institute for the Advancement of Women:* Lise Martin, Executive Director. *Disabled Women's Network of Canada:* Monika Chappell, Chair. *Fédération des femmes du Québec:* Charlotte Thibault, Member. *Provincial Advisory Council on the Status of Women - Newfoundland and Labrador:* Leslie MacLeod, President. *United Nation Platform for Action Committee Manitoba :* Jennifer deGroot, Project Coordinator.

Pursuant to Standing Order 108(2) and the motion adopted by the Committee on October 31, 2006, the Committee commenced its study of the Potential impact of recent funding and program changes at Status of Women Canada.

Catharine Laidlaw-Sly, Leilani Farha, Andrée Côté and Sherry Lewis made statements and answered questions.

At 4:55 p.m., the sitting was suspended.

At 5:07 p.m., the sitting resumed.

Charlotte Thibault, Leslie MacLeod, Jennifer deGroot, Lise Martin and Monika Chappell made statements and answered questions.

At 6:28 p.m., the Committee adjourned to the call of the Chair.

Michelle Tittley
Clerk of the Committee

2006/12/07 9:06 a.m.

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39th PARLIAMENT, 1st SESSION

MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS

STANDING COMMITTEE ON THE STATUS OF WOMEN

Chair: Judy Sgro.

Meeting No. 29

Thursday, December 7, 2006

ORDER OF THE DAY:

Pursuant to Standing Order 108(2) and the motion adopted by the Committee on Thursday, September 21st, 2006, the Committee resumed its study of human trafficking.

MEMBERS OF THE COMMITTEE PRESENT:

Patricia Davidson,
Johanne Deschamps,
Nina Grewal,
Helena Guergis,
Irene Mathysen,
Hon. Maria Minna,
Maria Mourani,
Hon. Judy Sgro,
Joy Smith,
Bruce Stanton
and Hon. Belinda Stronach.

ACTING MEMBERS PRESENT:

Hon. Carolyn Bennett for Hon. Anita Neville.

IN ATTENDANCE:

Library of Parliament:
Lyne Casavant, Analyst;
Marlisa Tiedemann, Analyst.

Michelle Tittley
Clerk of the Committee



MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS

Meeting No. 29

Thursday, December 7, 2006

The Standing Committee on the Status of Women met *in camera* at 11:15 a.m. this day, in Room 209, West Block, the Chair, Judy Sgro, presiding.

Members of the Committee present: Patricia Davidson, Johanne Deschamps, Nina Grewal, Helena Guergis, Irene Mathyssen, Hon. Maria Minna, Maria Mourani, Hon. Judy Sgro, Joy Smith, Bruce Stanton and Hon. Belinda Stronach.

Acting Members present: Hon. Carolyn Bennett for Hon. Anita Neville.

In attendance: Library of Parliament: Lyne Casavant, Analyst; Marlisa Tiedemann, Analyst.

Pursuant to Standing Order 108(2) and the motion adopted by the Committee on Thursday, September 21st, 2006, the Committee resumed its study of human trafficking.

At 1:51 p.m., the Committee adjourned to the call of the Chair.

Michelle Tittley
Clerk of the Committee

2006/12/08 4:25 p.m.

HOUSE OF COMMONS OF CANADA
39th PARLIAMENT, 1st SESSION

MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS

STANDING COMMITTEE ON THE STATUS OF WOMEN

Chair: Judy Sgro.

Meeting No. 30

Tuesday, December 12, 2006

ORDER OF THE DAY:

Pursuant to Standing Order 108(2) and the motion adopted by the Committee on Thursday, September 21st, 2006, the Committee resumed its study of human trafficking.

The Committee proceeded to the consideration of matters related to Committee business.

MEMBERS OF THE COMMITTEE PRESENT:

Patricia Davidson,
Johanne Deschamps,
Nina Grewal,
Helena Guergis,
Irene Mathyssen,
Hon. Maria Minna,
Maria Mourani,
Hon. Anita Neville,
Hon. Judy Sgro,
Joy Smith,
Bruce Stanton
and Hon. Belinda Stronach.

ACTING MEMBERS PRESENT:

Brian Jean for Helena Guergis,
and Tina Keeper for Hon. Anita Neville.

IN ATTENDANCE:

Library of Parliament:

Lyne Casavant, Analyst;

Marlisa Tiedemann, Analyst.

Michelle Tittley
Clerk of the Committee

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Meeting No. 30

Tuesday, December 12, 2006

The Standing Committee on the Status of Women met *in camera* at 11:20 a.m. this day, in Room 209, West Block, the Chair, Judy Sgro, presiding.

Members of the Committee present: Patricia Davidson, Johanne Deschamps, Nina Grewal, Helena Guergis, Irene Mathyssen, Hon. Maria Minna, Maria Mourani, Hon. Anita Neville, Hon. Judy Sgro, Joy Smith, Bruce Stanton and Hon. Belinda Stronach.

Acting Members present: Brian Jean for Helena Guergis and Tina Keeper for Hon. Anita Neville.

In attendance: Library of Parliament: Lyne Casavant, Analyst; Marlisa Tiedemann, Analyst.

Pursuant to Standing Order 108(2) and the motion adopted by the Committee on Thursday, September 21st, 2006, the Committee resumed its study of human trafficking.

At 12:42 p.m., the sitting was suspended.

At 12:42 p.m., the sitting resumed *in public*.

The Committee proceeded to the consideration of matters related to Committee business.

Belinda Stronach moved, — That the House of Commons Standing Committee on the Status of Women considers studying the possibility of establishing a National Rapporteur on Human Trafficking in Canada. The study would provide information on the role of the Special Rapporteur on Human Trafficking to continue to examine ways and means of overcoming existing obstacles to the full and effective protection of the human rights and fundamental freedoms of people.

Debate arose thereon.

Bruce Stanton moved, — That the motion be amended by adding the phrase “and that after the review of this issue by the committee, in one or two meetings, those committee’s recommendations, in respect of this issue, be included in the report” after the word “people”.

By unanimous consent, after debate, the question was put on the amendment of Bruce Stanton and it was agreed to.

By unanimous consent, after debate, the question was put on the motion, as amended, and it was agreed to.

Irene Mathyssen moved, — That the House of Commons Standing Committee on the Status of Women invite the Minister of Canadian Heritage and Status of Women to appear before the Committee to clarify the 2007/2008 budget of Status of Women Canada.

Debate arose thereon.

The question was put on the motion and it was agreed to, by a show of hands: YEAS: 6; NAYS: 0.

Maria Mourani moved, — That the House of Commons Standing Committee on the Status of Women ask the Honourable Bev Oda, Minister of Canadian Heritage and the Status of Women, and Status of Women Canada to appear before the Committee to discuss the budget and administrative cuts at Status of Women Canada and the new criteria for the Women's Program.

Debate arose thereon.

The question was put on the motion and it was agreed to, by a show of hands: YEAS: 6; NAYS: 0.

Maria Minna moved, — That the House of Commons Standing Committee on the Status of Women add additional televised hearing days, beyond the two already allotted, allowing for more women's organizations to appear before the committee to discuss impact of recent budget cuts to Status of Women Canada.

By unanimous consent, after debate, the question was put on the motion and it was agreed to.

At 1:08 p.m., the Committee adjourned to the call of the Chair.

Michelle Tittley
Clerk of the Committee

2006/12/14 3:45 p.m.

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STANDING COMMITTEE ON THE STATUS OF WOMEN

Chair: Judy Sgro.

Meeting No. 31

Wednesday, December 13, 2006

ORDER OF THE DAY:

Pursuant to Standing Order 108(2) and the motion adopted by the Committee on October 31, 2006, the Committee resumed its study of the Potential impact of recent funding and program changes at Status of Women Canada.

MEMBERS OF THE COMMITTEE PRESENT:

Patricia Davidson,
Johanne Deschamps,
Helena Guergis,
Irene Mathysen,
Hon. Maria Minna,
Maria Mourani,
Hon. Anita Neville,
Hon. Judy Sgro,
Joy Smith
and Bruce Stanton.

ACTING MEMBERS PRESENT:

Brian Jean for Nina Grewal,
Susan Kadis for Hon. Belinda Stronach,
and Gary Merasty for Hon. Belinda Stronach.

IN ATTENDANCE:

Library of Parliament:

Julie Cool, Analyst;
Marlisa Tiedemann, Analyst.

WITNESSES:

Canadian Labour Congress:
Barbara Byers, Executive Vice-President.

Association féminine d'éducation et d'action sociale:
Marianne Gilbert, President.

Manitoba Association for Home Schooling:
Gladys Hayward Williams, Past member.

Sexual Assault Centre London:
Louise Pitre, Executive Director.

Regroupement provincial des maisons d'hébergement et de transition pour femmes victimes de violence conjugale:
Louise Riendeau, Coordinator of Political Files.

YWCA Canada:
Paulette Senior, Chief Executive Officer.

Collectif Féminisme et Démocratie:
Jackie Steele, Spokesperson, Federal Representation.

Parents for Healthy Teens:
Doraine Wachniak, Representative.

Marianne Gilbert, Jackie Steele, Louise Riendeau and Paulette Senior made statements and answered questions.

Barbara Byers, Gladys Hayward Williams, Doraine Wachniak and Louise Pitre made statements and answered questions.

Michelle Tittley
Clerk of the Committee

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Meeting No. 31

Wednesday, December 13, 2006

The Standing Committee on the Status of Women met in a televised session at 3:38 p.m. this day, in Room 237-C, Centre Block, the Chair, Judy Sgro, presiding.

Members of the Committee present: Patricia Davidson, Johanne Deschamps, Helena Guergis, Irene Mathysen, Hon. Maria Minna, Maria Mourani, Hon. Anita Neville, Hon. Judy Sgro, Joy Smith and Bruce Stanton.

Acting Members present: Brian Jean for Nina Grewal, Susan Kadis for Hon. Belinda Stronach and Gary Merasty for Hon. Belinda Stronach.

In attendance: Library of Parliament: Julie Cool, Analyst; Marlisa Tiedemann, Analyst.

Witnesses: Canadian Labour Congress: Barbara Byers, Executive Vice-President. *Association féminine d'éducation et d'action sociale:* Mariette Gilbert, President. *Manitoba Association for Home Schooling:* Gladys Hayward Williams, Past member. *Sexual Assault Centre London:* Louise Pitre, Executive Director. *Regroupement provincial des maisons d'hébergement et de transition pour femmes victimes de violence conjugale:* Louise Riendeau, Coordinator of Political Files. *YWCA Canada:* Paulette Senior, Chief Executive Officer. *Collectif Féminisme et Démocratie:* Jackie Steele, Spokesperson, Federal Representation. *Parents for Healthy Teens:* Doraine Wachniak, Representative.

Pursuant to Standing Order 108(2) and the motion adopted by the Committee on October 31, 2006, the Committee resumed its study of the Potential impact of recent funding and program changes at Status of Women Canada.

Mariette Gilbert, Jackie Steele, Louise Riendeau and Paulette Senior made statements and answered questions.

At 4:30 p.m., the sitting was suspended.

At 4:35 p.m., the sitting resumed.

Barbara Byers, Gladys Hayward Williams, Doraine Wachniak and Louise Pitre made statements and answered questions.

At 5:29 p.m., the Committee adjourned to the call of the Chair.

Michelle Tittley
Clerk of the Committee

2006/12/14 3:45 p.m.

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Clerk of the Committee: Michelle Tittley.

Meeting No. 32

Tuesday, January 30, 2007



ORDER OF THE DAY:

The Clerk of the Committee presided over the election of a Chair.

The Committee proceeded to the consideration of matters related to Committee business.

MEMBERS OF THE COMMITTEE PRESENT:

Patricia Davidson,
Johanne Deschamps,
Nina Grewal,
Hon. Helena Guergis,
Irene Mathyssen,
Hon. Maria Minna,
Hon. Anita Neville,
Joy Smith
and Bruce Stanton.

ACTING MEMBERS PRESENT:

Susan Kadis for Hon. Belinda Stronach.

IN ATTENDANCE:

Library of Parliament:

Julie Cool, Analyst;

Marlisa Tiedemann, Analyst.

Michelle Tittley
Clerk of the Committee

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Meeting No. 32

Tuesday, January 30, 2007

The Standing Committee on the Status of Women met at 3:34 p.m. this day, in Room 269, West Block, for the purpose of electing a Chair, pursuant to Standing Order 106(1).

Members of the Committee present: Patricia Davidson, Johanne Deschamps, Nina Grewal, Hon. Helena Guergis, Irene Mathysen, Hon. Maria Minna, Hon. Anita Neville, Joy Smith and Bruce Stanton.

Acting Members present: Susan Kadis for Hon. Belinda Stronach.

In attendance: Library of Parliament: Julie Cool, Analyst; Marlisa Tiedemann, Analyst.

The Clerk of the Committee presided over the election of a Chair.

On motion of Susan Kadis, it was agreed, — That Yasmin Ratansi be elected Chair of the Committee.

Yasmin Ratansi took the Chair.

At 3:36 p.m., the sitting was suspended.

At 3:42 p.m., the sitting resumed *in camera*.

The Committee proceeded to the consideration of matters related to Committee business.

At 4:18 p.m., the Committee adjourned to the call of the Chair.

Michelle Tittley
Clerk of the Committee

2007/01/31 2:43 p.m.

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Meeting No. 33

Thursday, February 1, 2007

ORDER OF THE DAY:

Pursuant to Standing Order 108(2), the Committee [proceeded to / resumed] a briefing on Changes to the Department of Status of Women Canada.

The Committee proceeded to the consideration of matters related to Committee business.

MEMBERS OF THE COMMITTEE PRESENT:

Patricia Davidson,
Nicole Demers,
Johanne Deschamps,
Nina Grewal,
Irene Mathyssen,
Hon. Maria Minna,
Hon. Anita Neville,
Yasmin Ratansi,
Joy Smith
and Bruce Stanton.

ACTING MEMBERS PRESENT:

Bonnie Brown for Hon. Anita Neville,
and Glen Douglas Pearson for Hon. Belinda Stronach.

IN ATTENDANCE:

Library of Parliament:

Julie Cool, Analyst;

Marlisa Tiedemann, Analyst.

APPEARING:

Hon. Bev Oda, Minister of Canadian Heritage and Status of Women.

WITNESSES:

Status of Women Canada:

Florence Ievers, Coordinator.

The Hon. Bev Oda made a statement and, with Florence Ievers, answered questions.

Michelle Tittley
Clerk of the Committee

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MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS

Meeting No. 33

Thursday, February 1, 2007

The Standing Committee on the Status of Women met in a televised session at 3:30 p.m. this day, in Room 237-C, Centre Block, the Chair, Yasmin Ratansi, presiding.

Members of the Committee present: Patricia Davidson, Nicole Demers, Johanne Deschamps, Nina Grewal, Irene Mathysen, Hon. Maria Minna, Hon. Anita Neville, Yasmin Ratansi, Joy Smith and Bruce Stanton.

Acting Members present: Bonnie Brown for Hon. Anita Neville and Glen Douglas Pearson for Hon. Belinda Stronach.

In attendance: Library of Parliament: Julie Cool, Analyst; Marlisa Tiedemann, Analyst.

Appearing: Hon. Bev Oda, Minister of Canadian Heritage and Status of Women.

Witnesses: Status of Women Canada: Florence Ievers, Coordinator.

Pursuant to Standing Order 108(2), the Committee proceeded to a briefing on Changes to the Department of Status of Women Canada.

The Hon. Bev Oda made a statement and, with Florence Ievers, answered questions.

At 5:01 p.m., the sitting was suspended.

At 5:04 p.m., the sitting resumed *in camera*.

The Committee proceeded to the consideration of matters related to Committee business.

It was agreed, — That the proposed budget for the Committee's study on Human Trafficking in the amount of \$8,400, for the period of February 1, 2007 to March 30, 2007 be adopted.

It was agreed, — That the proposed budget for the Committee's study on Potential Impact of recent funding and program changes at Status Women of Canada in the amount of \$28,000, for the period of February 1, 2007 to March 30, 2007 be adopted.

At 5:14 p.m., the Committee adjourned to the call of the Chair.

Michelle Tittley
Clerk of the Committee

2007/02/02 1:59 p.m.

HOUSE OF COMMONS OF CANADA
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STANDING COMMITTEE ON THE STATUS OF WOMEN

Chair: Yasmin Ratansi.

Meeting No. 34

Tuesday, February 6, 2007

ORDER OF THE DAY:

Pursuant to Standing Order 108(2) and the motion adopted by the Committee on Thursday, September 21st, 2006, the Committee resumed its study of human trafficking.

The Committee proceeded to the consideration of matters related to Committee business.

MEMBERS OF THE COMMITTEE PRESENT:

Patricia Davidson,
Nicole Demers,
Johanne Deschamps,
Nina Grewal,
Hon. Helena Guergis,
Irene Mathyssen,
Hon. Maria Minna,
Hon. Anita Neville,
Yasmin Ratansi,
Joy Smith
and Bruce Stanton.

ACTING MEMBERS PRESENT:

Jean-Claude D'Amours for Hon. Belinda Stronach,
and Tina Keeper for Hon. Anita Neville.

Marlisa Tiedemann, Analyst;
Julie Cool, Analyst.

WITNESSES:

Métis National Council of Women:
Sheila D. Genaille, President.

Women's Future Fund:
Shari Graydon, President.

Toronto Women's Call to Action:
Sonja Greckol, Founding Member.

Antigonish Women's Resource Centre:
Lucille Harper, Executive Director.

Réseau des tables régionales des groupes de femmes du Québec:
Stéphanie Lalande, Representative, Outaouais Region.

REAL Women of Canada:
Gwendolyn Landolt, National Vice-President.

Lucille Harper, Stéphanie Lalande and Sonja Greckol made statements and answered questions.

Sheila D. Genaille, Gwendolyn Landolt and Shari Graydon made statements and answered questions.

Michelle Tittley
Clerk of the Committee

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Meeting No. 35

Wednesday, February 7, 2007

The Standing Committee on the Status of Women met in a televised session at 3:31 p.m. this day, in Room 237-C, Centre Block, the Chair, Yasmin Ratansi, presiding.

Members of the Committee present: Nicole Demers, Johanne Deschamps, Nina Grewal, Hon. Helena Guergis, Irene Mathyssen, Hon. Maria Minna, Hon. Anita Neville, Yasmin Ratansi, Joy Smith, Bruce Stanton and Hon. Belinda Stronach.

Acting Members present: Sylvie Boucher for Joy Smith and Laurie Hawn for Patricia Davidson.

In attendance: Library of Parliament: Marlisa Tiedemann, Analyst; Julie Cool, Analyst.

Witnesses: Métis National Council of Women: Sheila D. Genaille, President. *Women's Future Fund:* Shari Graydon, President. *Toronto Women's Call to Action:* Sonja Greckol, Founding Member. *Antigonish Women's Resource Centre:* Lucille Harper, Executive Director. *Réseau des tables régionales des groupes de femmes du Québec:* Stéphanie Lalande, Representative, Outaouais Region. *REAL Women of Canada:* Gwendolyn Landolt, National Vice-President.

Pursuant to Standing Order 108(2) and the motion adopted by the Committee on October 31, 2006, the Committee resumed its study of the Potential impact of recent funding and program changes at Status of Women Canada.

Lucille Harper, Stéphanie Lalande and Sonja Greckol made statements and answered questions.

At 4:29 p.m., the sitting was suspended.

At 4:31 p.m., the sitting resumed.

Sheila D. Genaille, Gwendolyn Landolt and Shari Graydon made statements and answered questions.

At 5:38 p.m., the Committee adjourned to the call of the Chair.

Michelle Tittley
Clerk of the Committee

2007/02/08 1:31 p.m.

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STANDING COMMITTEE ON THE STATUS OF WOMEN

Vice-Chair: Irene Mathyssen.

Meeting No. 36

Thursday, February 8, 2007

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Meeting No. 36

Thursday, February 8, 2007

The Standing Committee on the Status of Women met *in camera* at 3:35 p.m. this day, in Room 371, West Block, the Vice-Chair, Irene Mathyssen, presiding.

Members of the Committee present: Patricia Davidson, Nicole Demers, Johanne Deschamps, Nina Grewal, Irene Mathyssen, Hon. Maria Minna, Hon. Anita Neville, Joy Smith and Bruce Stanton.

Acting Members present: Derek Lee for Hon. Belinda Stronach and John Maloney for Yasmin Ratansi.

Associate Members present: Daniel Petit.

In attendance: Library of Parliament: Marlisa Tiedemann, Analyst.

The Committee proceeded to the consideration of matters related to Committee business.

At 4:07 p.m., the Committee adjourned to the call of the Chair.

Michelle Tittley
Clerk of the Committee

2007/02/09 11:48 a.m.

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MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS
STANDING COMMITTEE ON THE STATUS OF WOMEN

Chair: Yasmin Ratansi.

Meeting No. 37

Tuesday, February 13, 2007

IN CAMERA



MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS

Meeting No. 37

Tuesday, February 13, 2007

The Standing Committee on the Status of Women met *in camera* at 3:35 p.m. this day, in Room 269, West Block, the Chair, Yasmin Ratansi, presiding.

Members of the Committee present: Patricia Davidson, Nicole Demers, Johanne Deschamps, Nina Grewal, Hon. Helena Guergis, Irene Mathysen, Hon. Maria Minna, Hon. Anita Neville, Yasmin Ratansi, Joy Smith and Bruce Stanton.

Acting Members present: Hon. Larry Bagnell for Hon. Belinda Stronach.

In attendance: Library of Parliament: Lyne Casavant, Analyst; Marlisa Tiedemann, Analyst.

Pursuant to Standing Order 108(2) and the motion adopted by the Committee on Thursday, September 21st, 2006, the Committee resumed its study of human trafficking.

The Committee resumed consideration of a draft report.

At 5:15 p.m., Joy Smith, Vice-Chair, took the Chair.

It was agreed, — That the Committee append to its report a dissenting opinion from the Bloc Québécois provided that it is no more than two pages in length and submitted electronically to the Clerk of the Committee, no later than February 14, 2007.

It was agreed, — That the draft report, as amended, be adopted.

It was agreed, — That, pursuant to Standing Order 109, the Committee request that the Government table a comprehensive response to the report.

It was agreed, — That the Chair, Clerk and analyst be authorized to make such grammatical and editorial changes as may be necessary without changing the substance of the report.

ORDERED, — That the Chair present the report to the House.

At 5:29 p.m., the Committee adjourned to the call of the Chair.

Michelle Tittley
Clerk of the Committee

2007/02/14 10:29 a.m.

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Chair: Yasmin Ratansi.

Meeting No. 38

Wednesday, February 14, 2007

ORDER OF THE DAY:

Pursuant to Standing Order 108(2) and the motion adopted by the Committee on October 31, 2006, the Committee resumed its study of the Potential impact of recent funding and program changes at Status of Women Canada.

MEMBERS OF THE COMMITTEE PRESENT:

Nicole Demers,
Johanne Deschamps,
Nina Grewal,
Hon. Helena Guergis,
Irene Mathysen,
Hon. Anita Neville,
Yasmin Ratansi,
Joy Smith
and Bruce Stanton.

ACTING MEMBERS PRESENT:

Hon. Larry Bagnell for Hon. Belinda Stronach,
and Hon. Karen Redman for Hon. Anita Neville.

OTHER MEMBERS PRESENT:

Wajid Khan.

IN ATTENDANCE:

Library of Parliament:
Julie Cool, Analyst.

WITNESSES:

Conseil d'intervention pour l'accès des femmes au travail:
Nathalie Goulet, Director.

Yukon Status of Women Council:
Charlotte Hrenchuk, Coordinator.

Urban Core Support Network:
Brenda Murphy, Coordinator.

Canadian Women's Community Economic Development Council:
Joni Simpson, Director.

Canadian Federation of University Women:
Ardith Toogood, President.

Women's Health Clinic:
Gail Watson, Coordinator.

Ardith Toogood, Nathalie Goulet and Brenda Murphy made statements and answered questions.

Charlotte Hrenchuk, Gail Watson and Joni Simpson made statements and answered questions.

Michelle Tittley
Clerk of the Committee



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Meeting No. 38

Wednesday, February 14, 2007

The Standing Committee on the Status of Women met in a televised session at 3:29 p.m. this day, in Room 253-D, Centre Block, the Chair, Yasmin Ratansi, presiding.

Members of the Committee present: Nicole Demers, Johanne Deschamps, Nina Grewal, Hon. Helena Guergis, Irene Mathyssen, Hon. Anita Neville, Yasmin Ratansi, Joy Smith and Bruce Stanton.

Acting Members present: Hon. Larry Bagnell for Hon. Belinda Stronach and Hon. Karen Redman for Hon. Anita Neville.

Other Members present: Wajid Khan.

In attendance: Library of Parliament: Julie Cool, Analyst.

Witnesses: Conseil d'intervention pour l'accès des femmes au travail: Nathalie Goulet, Director. *Yukon Status of Women Council:* Charlotte Hrenchuk, Coordinator. *Urban Core Support Network:* Brenda Murphy, Coordinator. *Canadian Women's Community Economic Development Council:* Joni Simpson, Director. *Canadian Federation of University Women:* Ardith Toogood, President. *Women's Health Clinic:* Gail Watson, Coordinator.

Pursuant to Standing Order 108(2) and the motion adopted by the Committee on October 31, 2006, the Committee resumed its study of the Potential impact of recent funding and program changes at Status of Women Canada.

Ardith Toogood, Nathalie Goulet and Brenda Murphy made statements and answered questions.

At 4:32 p.m., the sitting was suspended.

At 4:37 p.m., the sitting resumed.

Charlotte Hrenchuk, Gail Watson and Joni Simpson made statements and answered questions.

At 4:50 p.m., Joy Smith, Vice-Chair, took the Chair.

At 5:33 p.m., the Committee adjourned to the call of the Chair.

Michelle Tittley
Clerk of the Committee

2007/02/16 9:54 a.m.

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MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS
STANDING COMMITTEE ON THE STATUS OF WOMEN

Chair: Yasmin Ratansi.

Meeting No. 39

Thursday, February 15, 2007

ORDER OF THE DAY:

Pursuant to Standing Order 108(2) and the motion adopted by the Committee on Tuesday, May 30th, 2006, the Committee resumed its study of economic security of women.

MEMBERS OF THE COMMITTEE PRESENT:

Patricia Davidson,
Nicole Demers,
Irene Mathysen,
Yasmin Ratansi,
Joy Smith,
Bruce Stanton
and Hon. Belinda Stronach.

ACTING MEMBERS PRESENT:

Vivian Barbot for Johanne Deschamps,
Hon. Carolyn Bennett for Hon. Anita Neville,
and Sukh Dhaliwal for Hon. Maria Minna.

ASSOCIATE MEMBERS PRESENT:

Daniel Petit.

IN ATTENDANCE:

Library of Parliament:

Julie Cool, Analyst;
Nathalie Pothier, Analyst.

WITNESSES:

Department of Human Resources and Social Development:

Barbara Glover, Acting Director General, Labour Market Policy.

Statistics Canada:

Colin Lindsay, Senior Analyst, Social and Aboriginal Statistics
Divison;
Sylvie Michaud, Director, Income Statistics.

Department of Human Resources and Social Development:

Virginia Potter, Director General, Economic Security and Policy.

Statistics Canada:

Leroy Stone, Associate Director General, Unpaid Work Analysis.

Canadian Centre for Policy Alternatives:

Monica Townson, Research Associate.

Monica Townsen, Virginia Potter, Barbara Glover, Colin Lindsay and Sylvie Michaud made statements and, with Leroy Stone, answered questions.

Michelle Tittley
Clerk of the Committee

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Meeting No. 39

Thursday, February 15, 2007

The Standing Committee on the Status of Women met at 3:30 p.m. this day, in Room 371, West Block, the Chair, Yasmin Ratansi, presiding.

Members of the Committee present: Patricia Davidson, Nicole Demers, Irene Mathyssen, Yasmin Ratansi, Joy Smith, Bruce Stanton and Hon. Belinda Stronach.

Acting Members present: Vivian Barbot for Johanne Deschamps, Hon. Carolyn Bennett for Hon. Anita Neville and Sukh Dhaliwal for Hon. Maria Minna.

Associate Members present: Daniel Petit.

In attendance: Library of Parliament: Julie Cool, Analyst; Nathalie Pothier, Analyst.

Witnesses: Department of Human Resources and Social Development: Barbara Glover, Acting Director General, Labour Market Policy. *Statistics Canada:* Colin Lindsay, Senior Analyst, Social and Aboriginal Statistics Division; Sylvie Michaud, Director, Income Statistics. *Department of Human Resources and Social Development:* Virginia Poter, Director General, Economic Security and Policy. *Statistics Canada:* Leroy Stone, Associate Director General, Unpaid Work Analysis. *Canadian Centre for Policy Alternatives:* Monica Townson, Research Associate.

Pursuant to Standing Order 108(2) and the motion adopted by the Committee on Tuesday, May 30th, 2006, the Committee resumed its study of economic security of senior women.

Monica Townsen, Virginia Potter, Barbara Glover, Colin Lindsay and Sylvie Michaud made statements and, with Leroy Stone, answered questions.

At 5:26 p.m., the Committee adjourned to the call of the Chair.

Michelle Tittley
Clerk of the Committee

2007/02/21 10:27 a.m.

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MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS
STANDING COMMITTEE ON THE STATUS OF WOMEN

Chair: Yasmin Ratansi.

Meeting No. 40

Tuesday, February 20, 2007

ORDER OF THE DAY:

Pursuant to Standing Order 108(2) and the motion adopted by the Committee on Tuesday, May 30th, 2006, the Committee resumed its study of economic security of women.

The Committee proceeded to the consideration of matters related to Committee business.

MEMBERS OF THE COMMITTEE PRESENT:

Patricia Davidson,
Nicole Demers,
Johanne Deschamps,
Nina Grewal,
Hon. Helena Guergis,
Irene Mathyssen,
Hon. Maria Minna,
Hon. Anita Neville,
Yasmin Ratansi,
Joy Smith
and Bruce Stanton.

ACTING MEMBERS PRESENT:

Hon. Larry Bagnell for Hon. Belinda Stronach.

IN ATTENDANCE:

Library of Parliament:

Julie Cool, Analyst;
Nathalie Pothier, Analyst.

WITNESSES:

Native Women's Association of Canada:

Beverley Jacobs, President.

Richard Rumas
Committee Clerk



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Meeting No. 40

Tuesday, February 20, 2007

The Standing Committee on the Status of Women met at 3:33 p.m. this day, in Room 209, West Block, the Chair, Yasmin Ratansi, presiding.

Members of the Committee present: Patricia Davidson, Nicole Demers, Johanne Deschamps, Nina Grewal, Hon. Helena Guergis, Irene Mathysen, Hon. Maria Minna, Hon. Anita Neville, Yasmin Ratansi, Joy Smith and Bruce Stanton.

Acting Members present: Hon. Larry Bagnell for Hon. Belinda Stronach.

In attendance: Library of Parliament: Julie Cool, Analyst; Nathalie Pothier, Analyst.

Witnesses: Native Women's Association of Canada: Beverley Jacobs, President.

Pursuant to Standing Order 108(2) and the motion adopted by the Committee on Tuesday, May 30th, 2006, the Committee resumed its study of economic security of senior women.

The witness made a statement and answered questions.

At 4:37 p.m., the sitting was suspended.

At 4:38 p.m., the sitting resumed.

The Committee proceeded to the consideration of matters related to Committee business.

It was agreed, — That title of the current study be modified to read: the Economic Security of Women.

At 5:03 p.m., the Committee adjourned to the call of the Chair.

Richard Rumas
Committee Clerk

2007/02/21 1:00 p.m.

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STANDING COMMITTEE ON THE STATUS OF WOMEN

Chair: Yasmin Ratansi.

Meeting No. 41

Thursday, February 22, 2007

ORDER OF THE DAY:

Pursuant to Standing Order 108(2) and the motion adopted by the Committee on Tuesday, May 30th, 2006, the Committee resumed its study of economic security of women.

MEMBERS OF THE COMMITTEE PRESENT:

Patricia Davidson,
Nicole Demers,
Johanne Deschamps,
Nina Grewal,
Hon. Helena Guergis,
Irene Mathysen,
Hon. Maria Minna,
Hon. Anita Neville,
Yasmin Ratansi,
Joy Smith
and Bruce Stanton.

ACTING MEMBERS PRESENT:

Colleen Beaumier for Hon. Belinda Stronach.

IN ATTENDANCE:

Library of Parliament:

Julie Cool, Analyst;
Nathalie Pothier, Analyst.

WITNESSES:

Women Elders in Action:

Joanne Blake, Member;
Alice West, Chair.

Canadian Federation of Business and Professional Women's Clubs:

Sue Calhoun, First Vice-President.

Richard Rumas
Committee Clerk



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MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS

Meeting No. 41

Thursday, February 22, 2007

The Standing Committee on the Status of Women met at 3:29 p.m. this day, in Room 371, West Block, the Chair, Yasmin Ratansi, presiding.

Members of the Committee present: Patricia Davidson, Nicole Demers, Johanne Deschamps, Nina Grewal, Hon. Helena Guergis, Irene Mathyssen, Hon. Maria Minna, Hon. Anita Neville, Yasmin Ratansi, Joy Smith and Bruce Stanton.

Acting Members present: Colleen Beaumier for Hon. Belinda Stronach.

In attendance: Library of Parliament: Julie Cool, Analyst; Nathalie Pothier, Analyst.

Witnesses: Women Elders in Action: Joanne Blake, Member; Alice West, Chair. *Canadian Federation of Business and Professional Women's Clubs:* Sue Calhoun, First Vice-President.

Pursuant to Standing Order 108(2) and the motion adopted by the Committee on Tuesday, May 30th, 2006, the Committee resumed its study of economic security of women.

The witnesses made statements and answered questions.

At 4:43 p.m., the Committee adjourned to the call of the Chair.

Richard Rumas
Committee Clerk

2007/02/23 1:35 p.m.

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MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS

STANDING COMMITTEE ON THE STATUS OF WOMEN

Chair: Yasmin Ratansi.

Meeting No. 42

Tuesday, February 27, 2007

ORDER OF THE DAY:

The Committee proceeded to the consideration of matters related to Committee business.

MEMBERS OF THE COMMITTEE PRESENT:

Patricia Davidson,
Nicole Demers,
Johanne Deschamps,
Nina Grewal,
Hon. Helena Guergis,
Irene Mathysen,
Hon. Maria Minna,
Hon. Anita Neville,
Yasmin Ratansi,
Joy Smith,
Bruce Stanton
and Hon. Belinda Stronach.

IN ATTENDANCE:

Library of Parliament:
Julie Cool, Analyst;
Marlisa Tiedemann, Analyst.

Michelle Tittley
Clerk of the Committee



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MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS

Meeting No. 42

Tuesday, February 27, 2007

The Standing Committee on the Status of Women met *in camera* at 3:32 p.m. this day, in Room 237-C, Centre Block, the Chair, Yasmin Ratansi, presiding.

Members of the Committee present: Patricia Davidson, Nicole Demers, Johanne Deschamps, Nina Grewal, Hon. Helena Guergis, Irene Mathyssen, Hon. Maria Minna, Hon. Anita Neville, Yasmin Ratansi, Joy Smith, Bruce Stanton and Hon. Belinda Stronach.

In attendance: Library of Parliament: Julie Cool, Analyst; Marlisa Tiedemann, Analyst.

The Committee proceeded to the consideration of matters related to Committee business.

It was agreed, — That the Committee report to the House of Commons, the potential breach of privilege resulting from the release of information contained in the confidential draft report entitled “Turning Outrage into Action to Address Trafficking for the Purposes of Sexual Exploitation in Canada”, prior to its presentation to the House.

At 4:11 p.m., the sitting was suspended.

At 4:11 p.m., the sitting resumed *in public*.

At 4:12 p.m., the sitting was suspended.

At 4:12 p.m., the sitting resumed *in camera*.

At 4:15 p.m., the sitting was suspended.

At 4:15 p.m., the sitting resumed *in public*.

Johanne Deschamps moved, — That Pursuant to Standing Order 108(2), the Standing Committee on the Status of Women recommend that the government make the necessary changes to the employment insurance program to eliminate its discrimination against women and that the Chair present the adoption of this motion to the House of Commons as soon as possible.

Debate arose thereon.

The question was put on the motion and it was agreed to on the following recorded division: YEAS: Nicole Demers, Johanne Deschamps, Irene Mathyssen, Maria Minna, Anita Neville, Belinda Stronach — 6; NAYS: Patricia Davidson, Nina Grewal, Helena Guergis, Joy Smith, Bruce Stanton — 5.

At 5:05 p.m., the Committee adjourned to the call of the Chair.

IN ATTENDANCE:

Library of Parliament:

Marlisa Tiedemann, Analyst.

WITNESSES:

Public Service Human Resources Management Agency of Canada:

Monique Boudrias, Executive Vice-President.

Treasury Board Secretariat:

Linda Lizotte-MacPherson, Associate Secretary.

Department of Justice:

Donna Miller, Associate Deputy Minister.

Department of Human Resources and Social Development:

Kathy O'Hara, Senior Associate Deputy Minister.

Department of Citizenship and Immigration:

Janet Siddall, Associate Assistant Deputy Minister, Operations.

Michelle Tittley
Clerk of the Committee

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Meeting No. 43

Thursday, March 1, 2007

The Standing Committee on the Status of Women met in a televised session at 3:31 p.m. this day, in Room 253-D, Centre Block, the Vice-Chair, Joy Smith, presiding.

Members of the Committee present: Patricia Davidson, Johanne Deschamps, Nina Grewal, Irene Mathysen, Hon. Maria Minna, Joy Smith and Bruce Stanton.

Acting Members present: Hon. Carolyn Bennett for Hon. Anita Neville, Meili Faille for Nicole Demers, Nancy Karetak-Lindell for Hon. Belinda Stronach and Alan Tonks for Yasmin Ratansi.

In attendance: Library of Parliament: Marlisa Tiedemann, Analyst.

Witnesses: Public Service Human Resources Management Agency of Canada: Monique Boudrias, Executive Vice-President. *Treasury Board Secretariat:* Linda Lizotte-MacPherson, Associate Secretary. *Department of Justice:* Donna Miller, Associate Deputy Minister. *Department of Human Resources and Social Development:* Kathy O'Hara, Senior Associate Deputy Minister. *Department of Citizenship and Immigration:* Janet Siddall, Associate Assistant Deputy Minister, Operations.

Pursuant to Standing Order 108(2), the Committee commenced its study of Gender-Based Analysis.

The witnesses made statements and answered questions.

At 5:05 p.m., the sitting was suspended.

At 5:07 p.m., the sitting resumed *in camera*.

The Committee proceeded to the consideration of matters related to Committee business.

The Committee commenced consideration of a draft report on a potential breach of privilege.

By unanimous consent, it was agreed, — That the draft report be adopted.

Pursuant to Standing Order 108(2) and the motion adopted by the Committee on February 27, 2007, the Committee commenced its study of the elimination of discrimination against women in the employment insurance program.

The Committee commenced consideration of a draft report.

By unanimous consent, it was agreed, — That the draft report be adopted.

By unanimous consent, it was agreed, — That the Committee append to its report a dissenting opinion from the Conservative Party, provided that it is no more than two pages in length and submitted electronically to the Clerk of the Committee, no later than Friday March 2, 2007.

At 5:17 p.m., the Committee adjourned to the call of the Chair.

Michelle Tittley
Clerk of the Committee

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MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS
STANDING COMMITTEE ON THE STATUS OF WOMEN

Chair: Yasmin Ratansi.

Meeting No. 44

Tuesday, March 20, 2007

ORDER OF THE DAY:

Pursuant to Standing Order 108(2) and the motion adopted by the Committee on Tuesday, May 30th, 2006, the Committee resumed its study of economic security of women.

The Committee proceeded to the consideration of matters related to Committee business.

MEMBERS OF THE COMMITTEE PRESENT:

Patricia Davidson,
Nicole Demers,
Johanne Deschamps,
Nina Grewal,
Hon. Helena Guergis,
Irene Mathysen,
Hon. Maria Minna,
Hon. Anita Neville,
Yasmin Ratansi,
Joy Smith,
Bruce Stanton
and Hon. Belinda Stronach.

IN ATTENDANCE:

Library of Parliament:

Julie Cool, Analyst;
Nathalie Pothier, Analyst.

WITNESSES:

Federal Superannuates National Association:

Bernard Dussault, Senior Research and Communications Officer.

Université du Québec à Montréal:

Ruth Rose, Adjunct Professor of Economics.

Bernard Dussault made a statement.

Michelle Tittley
Clerk of the Committee

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Meeting No. 44

Tuesday, March 20, 2007

The Standing Committee on the Status of Women met at 3:34 p.m. this day, in Room 705, La Promenade Building, the Chair, Yasmin Ratansi, presiding.

Members of the Committee present: Patricia Davidson, Nicole Demers, Johanne Deschamps, Nina Grewal, Hon. Helena Guergis, Irene Mathyssen, Hon. Maria Minna, Hon. Anita Neville, Yasmin Ratansi, Joy Smith, Bruce Stanton and Hon. Belinda Stronach.

In attendance: Library of Parliament: Julie Cool, Analyst; Nathalie Pothier, Analyst.

Witnesses: Federal Superannuates National Association: Bernard Dussault, Senior Research and Communications Officer. *Université du Québec à Montréal:* Ruth Rose, Adjunct Professor of Economics.

Pursuant to Standing Order 108(2) and the motion adopted by the Committee on Tuesday, May 30th, 2006, the Committee resumed its study of economic security of women.

The witnesses made statements and answered questions.

At 5:04 p.m., the sitting was suspended.

At 5:04 p.m., the sitting resumed.

Bernard Dussault made a statement.

At 5:06 p.m., the sitting was suspended.

At 5:06 p.m., the sitting resumed.

The Committee proceeded to the consideration of matters related to Committee business.

Irene Mathyssen moved, — That the House of Commons Standing Committee on the Status of Women recommend that the Government publish all outstanding research projects from Status of Women Canada's Independent Policy Research Fund and that the chair report the adoption of this motion to the House forthwith.

Debate arose thereon.

By unanimous consent, it was agreed, — That the Committee defer consideration of the motion until the next meeting.

At 5:21 p.m., the Committee adjourned to the call of the Chair.

Michelle Tittley
Clerk of the Committee

2007/03/22 5:46 p.m.

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Chair: Yasmin Ratansi.

Meeting No. 45

Thursday, March 22, 2007

ORDER OF THE DAY:

Pursuant to Standing Order 108(2) and the motion adopted by the Committee on Tuesday, May 30th, 2006, the Committee resumed its study of economic security of women.

The Committee proceeded to the consideration of matters related to Committee business.

MEMBERS OF THE COMMITTEE PRESENT:

Patricia Davidson,
Nicole Demers,
Nina Grewal,
Hon. Helena Guergis,
Irene Mathysen,
Hon. Maria Minna,
Hon. Anita Neville,
Yasmin Ratansi,
Joy Smith
and Bruce Stanton.

ACTING MEMBERS PRESENT:

Vivian Barbot for Johanne Deschamps,
and Hon. Carolyn Bennett for Hon. Belinda Stronach.

IN ATTENDANCE:

Library of Parliament:

Julie Cool, Analyst;
Nathalie Pothier, Analyst.

WITNESSES:

*Fédération des associations de familles monoparentales et recomposées
du Québec:*

Lorraine Desjardins, Research and Communication Officer;
Sylvie Lévesque, Director General.

Neighbourhood Link/Senior Link:

Mary McGowan, Executive Director.

Michelle Tittley
Clerk of the Committee

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MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS

Meeting No. 45

Thursday, March 22, 2007

The Standing Committee on the Status of Women met at 3:32 p.m. this day, in Room 269, West Block, the Chair, Yasmin Ratansi, presiding.

Members of the Committee present: Patricia Davidson, Nicole Demers, Nina Grewal, Hon. Helena Guergis, Irene Mathyssen, Hon. Maria Minna, Hon. Anita Neville, Yasmin Ratansi, Joy Smith and Bruce Stanton.

Acting Members present: Vivian Barbot for Johanne Deschamps and Hon. Carolyn Bennett for Hon. Belinda Stronach.

In attendance: Library of Parliament: Julie Cool, Analyst; Nathalie Pothier, Analyst.

Witnesses: Fédération des associations de familles monoparentales et recomposées du Québec: Lorraine Desjardins, Research and Communication Officer; Sylvie Lévesque, Director General. *Neighbourhood Link/Senior Link:* Mary McGowan, Executive Director.

Pursuant to Standing Order 108(2) and the motion adopted by the Committee on Tuesday, May 30th, 2006, the Committee resumed its study of economic security of women.

The witnesses made statements and answered questions.

At 5:00 p.m., the sitting was suspended.

At 5:01 p.m., the sitting resumed.

The Committee proceeded to the consideration of matters related to Committee business.

It was agreed, — That the Committee defer consideration of the motion by Irene Mathyssen until the next meeting.

At 5:07 p.m., the Committee adjourned to the call of the Chair.

Michelle Tittley
Clerk of the Committee

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Chair: Yasmin Ratansi.

Meeting No. 46

Tuesday, March 27, 2007

ORDER OF THE DAY:

Pursuant to Standing Order 108(2) and the motion adopted by the Committee on Tuesday, May 30th, 2006, the Committee resumed its study of economic security of women.

The Committee proceeded to the consideration of matters related to Committee business.

MEMBERS OF THE COMMITTEE PRESENT:

Patricia Davidson,
Nicole Demers,
Johanne Deschamps,
Nina Grewal,
Hon. Helena Guergis,
Irene Mathyssen,
Hon. Maria Minna,
Hon. Anita Neville,
Yasmin Ratansi,
Joy Smith
and Bruce Stanton.

ACTING MEMBERS PRESENT:

Hon. Larry Bagnell for Hon. Belinda Stronach,
and Hon. Carolyn Bennett for Hon. Belinda Stronach.

IN ATTENDANCE:

Library of Parliament:

Julie Cool, Analyst;
Nathalie Pothier, Analyst.

WITNESSES:

Canada's Association for the Fifty-Plus:

Daniel A. Braniff, Chairman, Georgian Bay Chapter.

Canadian Activists for Pension Splitting:

Ken Wilson, Vice-President.

Michelle Tittley
Clerk of the Committee

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Meeting No. 46

Tuesday, March 27, 2007

The Standing Committee on the Status of Women met at 3:33 p.m. this day, in Room 269, West Block, the Chair, Yasmin Ratansi, presiding.

Members of the Committee present: Patricia Davidson, Nicole Demers, Johanne Deschamps, Nina Grewal, Hon. Helena Guergis, Irene Mathyssen, Hon. Maria Minna, Hon. Anita Neville, Yasmin Ratansi, Joy Smith and Bruce Stanton.

Acting Members present: Hon. Larry Bagnell for Hon. Belinda Stronach and Hon. Carolyn Bennett for Hon. Belinda Stronach.

In attendance: Library of Parliament: Julie Cool, Analyst; Nathalie Pothier, Analyst.

Witnesses: Canada's Association for the Fifty-Plus: Daniel A. Braniff, Chairman, Georgian Bay Chapter. *Canadian Activists for Pension Splitting:* Ken Wilson, Vice-President.

Pursuant to Standing Order 108(2) and the motion adopted by the Committee on Tuesday, May 30th, 2006, the Committee resumed its study of economic security of women.

The witnesses made statements and answered questions.

At 5:04 p.m., the sitting was suspended.

At 5:06 p.m., the sitting resumed.

The Committee proceeded to the consideration of matters related to Committee business.

It was agreed, — That the Committee defer consideration of the motion by Irene Mathyssen until the next meeting.

At 5:18 p.m., the Committee adjourned to the call of the Chair.

Michelle Tittley
Clerk of the Committee

2007/03/28 10:51 a.m.

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39th PARLIAMENT, 1st SESSION

MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS
STANDING COMMITTEE ON THE STATUS OF WOMEN

Clerk of the Committee: Michelle Tittley.

Meeting No. 47

Thursday, March 29, 2007

ORDER OF THE DAY:

Pursuant to Standing Order 108(2) and the motion adopted by the Committee on Tuesday, May 30th, 2006, the Committee resumed its study of economic security of women.

Pursuant to Standing Order 108(2), the Committee resumed its study on the publication of policy reports at Status of Women Canada.

Pursuant to Standing Order 108(2) and the motion adopted by the Committee on Thursday, March 29, 2007, the Committee commenced its study on the restoration of Court Challenges Program.

MEMBERS OF THE COMMITTEE PRESENT:

Patricia Davidson,
Nicole Demers,
Johanne Deschamps,
Nina Grewal,
Hon. Maria Minna,
Hon. Anita Neville,
Joy Smith
and Bruce Stanton.

ACTING MEMBERS PRESENT:

Hon. Irwin Cotler for Hon. Belinda Stronach,
Jean Crowder for Irene Mathyssen,

Rick Dykstra for Hon. Helena Guergis,
and Hon. Hedy Fry for Yasmin Ratansi.

IN ATTENDANCE:

Library of Parliament:

Julie Cool, Analyst;
Nathalie Pothier, Analyst.

WITNESSES:

*National Organization of Immigrant and Visible Minority Women of
Canada:*

Anuradha Bose, Executive Director and Project Manager.

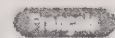
National Farmers Union:

Karen Fyfe, National Women's Vice-President.

Ontario Council of Agencies Serving Immigrants:

Lucya Spencer, Former President.

Michelle Tittley
Clerk of the Committee



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MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS

Meeting No. 47

Thursday, March 29, 2007

The Standing Committee on the Status of Women met at 3:45 p.m. this day, in Room 269, West Block, the Vice-Chair, Joy Smith, presiding.

Members of the Committee present: Patricia Davidson, Nicole Demers, Johanne Deschamps, Nina Grewal, Hon. Maria Minna, Hon. Anita Neville, Joy Smith and Bruce Stanton.

Acting Members present: Hon. Irwin Cotler for Hon. Belinda Stronach, Jean Crowder for Irene Mathyssen, Rick Dykstra for Hon. Helena Guergis and Hon. Hedy Fry for Yasmin Ratansi.

In attendance: Library of Parliament: Julie Cool, Analyst; Nathalie Pothier, Analyst.

Witnesses: National Organization of Immigrant and Visible Minority Women of Canada: Anuradha Bose, Executive Director and Project Manager. *National Farmers Union:* Karen Fyfe, National Women's Vice-President. *Ontario Council of Agencies Serving Immigrants:* Lucya Spencer, Former President.

Pursuant to Standing Order 108(2) and the motion adopted by the Committee on Tuesday, May 30th, 2006, the Committee resumed its study of economic security of women.

The witnesses made statements and answered questions.

At 5:04 p.m., the sitting was suspended.

At 5:06 p.m., the sitting resumed.

Pursuant to Standing Order 108(2), the Committee resumed its study on the publication of policy reports at Status of Women Canada.

The Committee resumed the consideration of the motion moved by Irene Mathyssen, as follows:

That the House of Commons Standing Committee on the Status of Women recommend that the Government publish all outstanding research projects from Status of Women Canada's Independent Policy Research Fund and that the chair report the adoption of this motion to the House forthwith.

Maria Minna moved, — That the motion be amended by replacing all the words following the word “publish” with the following:

“the three research reports funded through the Status of Women Canada's Independent Policy Research Fund, as follows:

Monica Townson and Kevin Hayes, Women and Employment Insurance Program: the Gender Impact on Current Rules on Eligibility and Earnings Replacement;

Shelagh Day and Gwen Brodsky, Women and the CST: Securing the Social Union;

Canadian Research Institute for the Advancement of Women, Integrating Marginalized Women's Voices into Policy Discussions and Debates Linked to the CST;

and that the chair report the adoption of this motion to the House forthwith”.

Bruce Stanton moved, — That the amendment be amended by deleting the words “Monica Townson and Kevin Hayes, Women and Employment Insurance Program: the Gender Impact on Current Rules on Eligibility and Earnings Replacement; Shelagh Day and Gwen Brodsky, Women and the CST: Securing the Social Union;”.

The question was put on the subamendment of Bruce Stanton and it was negatived on the following recorded division: YEAS: Patricia Davidson, Rick Dykstra, Nina Grewal, Bruce Stanton — 4; NAYS: Irwin Cotler, Jean Crowder, Nicole Demers, Johanne Deschamps, Hedy Fry, Maria Minna, Anita Neville — 7.

The question was put on the amendment of Maria Minna and it was agreed to on the following recorded division: YEAS: Irwin Cotler, Jean Crowder, Nicole Demers, Johanne Deschamps, Hedy Fry, Maria Minna, Anita Neville — 7; NAYS: Patricia Davidson, Rick Dykstra, Nina Grewal, Bruce Stanton — 4.

The motion as amended was adopted.

It was agreed, — That the Committee append to its report a dissenting opinion from the Conservative Party, provided that it is submitted electronically to the Clerk of the Committee, within forty-eight (48) hours.

Pursuant to Standing Order 108(2) and the motion adopted by the Committee on Thursday, March 29, 2007, the Committee commenced its study on the restoration of Court Challenges Program.

Nicole Demers moved, — That, pursuant to Standing Order 108(2), the Standing Committee on the Status of Women recommend to the government that it restore the Court Challenges Program, and that adoption of this motion be reported to the House as soon as possible.

Debate arose thereon.

Hedy Fry moved, — That debate continue for ten minutes and that the vote be called at 5:45 p.m..

The question was put on the motion and it was agreed to, by a show of hands: YEAS: 4; NAYS: 7.

The question was put on the motion and it was agreed to on the following recorded division: YEAS: Irwin Cotler, Jean Crowder, Nicole Demers, Johanne Deschamps, Hedy Fry, Maria Minna, Anita Neville — 7; NAYS: Patricia Davidson, Rick Dykstra, Nina Grewal, Bruce Stanton — 4.

It was agreed, — That the Committee append to its report a dissenting opinion from the Conservative Party provided that it is submitted electronically to the Clerk of the Committee, within forty-eight (48) hours.

It was agreed, — That copies of the draft report on the study of the Potential Impact of Recent Funding and Program Changes at Status of Women Canada be distributed to the member's offices on Monday April 16, 2007.

At 5:47 p.m., the Committee adjourned to the call of the Chair.

Michelle Tittley
Clerk of the Committee

2007/04/13 1:43 p.m.

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39th PARLIAMENT, 1st SESSION

MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS
STANDING COMMITTEE ON THE STATUS OF WOMEN

Chair: Yasmin Ratansi.

Meeting No. 48

Tuesday, April 17, 2007

ORDER OF THE DAY:

Pursuant to Standing Order 108(2) and the motion adopted by the Committee on September 26, 2006, the Committee resumed its study of Gender-Based Analysis.

Pursuant to Standing Order 108(2) and the motion adopted by the Committee on October 31, 2006, the Committee resumed its study of the Potential impact of recent funding and program changes at Status of Women Canada.

Pursuant to Standing Order 108(2) and the motion adopted by the Committee on April 17, 2007, the Committee commenced its study on the Spending Orientations for Status of Women Canada and other agencies.

MEMBERS OF THE COMMITTEE PRESENT:

Patricia Davidson,
Nicole Demers,
Johanne Deschamps,
Nina Grewal,
Hon. Helena Guergis,
Irene Mathysen,
Hon. Maria Minna,
Hon. Anita Neville,
Yasmin Ratansi,
Joy Smith
and Bruce Stanton.

ACTING MEMBERS PRESENT:

Glen Douglas Pearson for Hon. Belinda Stronach.

IN ATTENDANCE:

Library of Parliament:

Lyne Casavant, Analyst;
Julie Cool, Analyst.

WITNESSES:

Department of Finance:

Robert Wright, Deputy Minister;
Mireille Éthier, Senior Chief.

Robert Wright made a statement and, with Mireille Éthier, answered questions.

Michelle Tittley
Clerk of the Committee

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Meeting No. 48

Tuesday, April 17, 2007

The Standing Committee on the Status of Women met in a televised session at 3:32 p.m. this day, in Room 237-C, Centre Block, the Chair, Yasmin Ratansi, presiding.

Members of the Committee present: Patricia Davidson, Nicole Demers, Johanne Deschamps, Nina Grewal, Hon. Helena Guergis, Irene Mathyssen, Hon. Maria Minna, Hon. Anita Neville, Yasmin Ratansi, Joy Smith and Bruce Stanton.

Acting Members present: Glen Douglas Pearson for Hon. Belinda Stronach.

In attendance: Library of Parliament: Lyne Casavant, Analyst; Julie Cool, Analyst.

Witnesses: Department of Finance: Robert Wright, Deputy Minister; Mireille Éthier, Senior Chief.

Pursuant to Standing Order 108(2) and the motion adopted by the Committee on September 26, 2006, the Committee resumed its study of Gender-Based Analysis.

Robert Wright made a statement and, with Mireille Éthier, answered questions.

At 4:35 p.m., the sitting was suspended.

At 4:38 p.m., the sitting resumed *in camera*.

Pursuant to Standing Order 108(2) and the motion adopted by the Committee on October 31, 2006, the Committee resumed its study of the Potential impact of recent funding and program changes at Status of Women Canada.

The Committee commenced consideration of a draft report.

At 5:01 p.m., the sitting was suspended.

At 5:01 p.m., the sitting resumed *in public*.

Pursuant to Standing Order 108(2) and the motion adopted by the Committee on April 17, 2007, the Committee commenced its study on the Spending Orientations for Status of Women Canada and other agencies.

Joy Smith moved, — Pursuant to Standing Order 108(2), that the Standing Committee on the Status of Women recommend that the government orient its 2007 spending for Status of Women Canada and the various other Canadian government agencies to:

Address the crucial and pressing issue of violence towards women and girls;

Support the full participation of women in Canadian society;

Address the challenges women face by promoting projects that improve the situation of women in key areas such as women's economic status;

And that the adoption of this motion be reported to the House forthwith.

Nicole Demers moved, — That the motion be amended by adding after the word “participation” the following: “and promote the equality” and adding after the words “economic status” the following: “and support groups working to that end, and advocacy groups in particular”.

Debate arose thereon.

After debate, the question was put on the amendment of Nicole Demers and it was agreed to on the following recorded division: YEAS: Nicole Demers, Johanne Deschamps, Irene Mathyssen, Maria Minna, Anita Neville, Glen Douglas Pearson — 6; NAYS: Patricia Davidson, Nina Grewal, Helena Guergis, Joy Smith, Bruce Stanton — 5.

After debate, the question was put on the motion, as amended, and it was agreed to on the following recorded division: YEAS: Nicole Demers, Johanne Deschamps, Irene Mathyssen, Maria Minna, Anita Neville, Glen Douglas Pearson — 6; NAYS: Patricia Davidson, Nina Grewal, Helena Guergis, Joy Smith, Bruce Stanton — 5.

At 5:27 p.m., the Committee adjourned to the call of the Chair.

Michelle Tittley
Clerk of the Committee

2007/04/18 4:18 p.m.

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MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS

STANDING COMMITTEE ON THE STATUS OF WOMEN

Chair: Yasmin Ratansi.

Meeting No. 49

Thursday, April 19, 2007

ORDER OF THE DAY:

Pursuant to Standing Order 108(2) and the motion adopted by the Committee on Tuesday, May 30th, 2006, the Committee resumed its study of economic security of women.

Pursuant to Standing Order 108(2) and the motion adopted by the Committee on October 31, 2006, the Committee resumed its study of the Potential impact of recent funding and program changes at Status of Women Canada.

MEMBERS OF THE COMMITTEE PRESENT:

Patricia Davidson,
Nicole Demers,
Johanne Deschamps,
Irene Mathyssen,
Hon. Maria Minna,
Hon. Anita Neville,
Yasmin Ratansi,
Joy Smith
and Bruce Stanton.

ACTING MEMBERS PRESENT:

Rick Norlock for Hon. Helena Guergis,
Scott Simms for Hon. Belinda Stronach,
and Lloyd St. Amand for Hon. Belinda Stronach.

IN ATTENDANCE:

Library of Parliament:

Lyne Casavant, Analyst;
Julie Cool, Analyst;
Nathalie Pothier, Analyst.

WITNESSES:

National Alliance of Philippine Women in Canada:

Cecilia Diocson, Executive Director.

As an Individual:

Janet Fast, Co-Director, Research on Aging, Policies and Practice
Research Program, Department of Human Ecology, University of
Alberta.

AWIC Community and Social Services:

Sheila Konanur, Settlement Counsellor.

Michelle Tittley
Clerk of the Committee

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Meeting No. 49

Thursday, April 19, 2007

The Standing Committee on the Status of Women met at 3:34 p.m. this day, in Room 269, West Block, the Chair, Yasmin Ratansi, presiding.

Members of the Committee present: Patricia Davidson, Nicole Demers, Johanne Deschamps, Irene Mathysen, Hon. Maria Minna, Hon. Anita Neville, Yasmin Ratansi, Joy Smith and Bruce Stanton.

Acting Members present: Rick Norlock for Hon. Helena Guergis, Scott Simms for Hon. Belinda Stronach and Lloyd St. Amand for Hon. Belinda Stronach.

In attendance: Library of Parliament: Lyne Casavant, Analyst; Julie Cool, Analyst; Nathalie Pothier, Analyst.

Witnesses: National Alliance of Philippine Women in Canada: Cecilia Diocson, Executive Director. *As an individual:* Janet Fast, Co-Director, Research on Aging, Policies and Practice Research Program, Department of Human Ecology, University of Alberta. *AWIC Community and Social Services:* Sheila Konanur, Settlement Counsellor.

Pursuant to Standing Order 108(2) and the motion adopted by the Committee on Tuesday, May 30th, 2006, the Committee resumed its study of economic security of women.

The witnesses made statements and answered questions.

At 5:03 p.m., the sitting was suspended.

At 5:11 p.m., the sitting resumed *in camera*.

Pursuant to Standing Order 108(2) and the motion adopted by the Committee on October 31, 2006, the Committee resumed its study of the Potential impact of recent funding and program changes at Status of Women Canada.

The Committee resumed consideration of a draft report.

It was agreed, — That the Committee append to its report a dissenting opinion from the Conservative Party provided that it is no more than two pages in length and submitted electronically to the Clerk of the Committee, no later than Monday April 23, 2007.

It was agreed, — That the draft report, as amended, be adopted.

It was agreed, — That, pursuant to Standing Order 109, the Committee request that the Government table a comprehensive response to the report.

It was agreed, — That the Chair, Clerk and analyst be authorized to make such grammatical and editorial changes as may be necessary without changing the substance of the report.

ORDERED, — That the Chair present the report to the House.

At 5:59 p.m., the Committee adjourned to the call of the Chair.

Michelle Tittley
Clerk of the Committee

2007/04/23 1:29 p.m.

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MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS

STANDING COMMITTEE ON THE STATUS OF WOMEN

Chair: Yasmin Ratansi.

Meeting No. 50

Tuesday, April 24, 2007

ORDER OF THE DAY:

Pursuant to Standing Order 108(2) and the motion adopted by the Committee on Tuesday, May 30th, 2006, the Committee resumed its study of economic security of women.

MEMBERS OF THE COMMITTEE PRESENT:

Patricia Davidson,
Nicole Demers,
Johanne Deschamps,
Nina Grewal,
Irene Mathysen,
Hon. Maria Minna,
Hon. Anita Neville,
Yasmin Ratansi,
Joy Smith
and Bruce Stanton.

ACTING MEMBERS PRESENT:

Glen Douglas Pearson for Hon. Belinda Stronach.

IN ATTENDANCE:

Library of Parliament:
Julie Cool, Analyst;
Nathalie Pothier, Analyst.

WITNESSES:

Women's Network Prince Edward Island:
Michelle Harris-Genge, Co-Executive Director.

Child Care Advocacy Association of Canada:
Emily King, Senior Policy Analyst;
Monica Lysack, Executive Director.

As an Individual:
Beverley Smith.

Michelle Tittley
Clerk of the Committee

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Meeting No. 50

Tuesday, April 24, 2007

The Standing Committee on the Status of Women met at 3:34 p.m. this day, in Room 269, West Block, the Chair, Yasmin Ratansi, presiding.

Members of the Committee present: Patricia Davidson, Nicole Demers, Johanne Deschamps, Nina Grewal, Irene Mathyssen, Hon. Maria Minna, Hon. Anita Neville, Yasmin Ratansi, Joy Smith and Bruce Stanton.

Acting Members present: Glen Douglas Pearson for Hon. Belinda Stronach.

In attendance: Library of Parliament: Julie Cool, Analyst; Nathalie Pothier, Analyst.

Witnesses: Women's Network Prince Edward Island: Michelle Harris-Genge, Co-Executive Director. *Child Care Advocacy Association of Canada:* Emily King, Senior Policy Analyst; Monica Lysack, Executive Director. *As an individual:* Beverley Smith.

Pursuant to Standing Order 108(2) and the motion adopted by the Committee on Tuesday, May 30th, 2006, the Committee resumed its study of economic security of women.

The witnesses made statements and answered questions.

At 5:20 p.m., the Committee adjourned to the call of the Chair.

Michelle Tittley
Clerk of the Committee

2007/04/25 4:24 p.m.

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MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS

STANDING COMMITTEE ON THE STATUS OF WOMEN

Chair: Yasmin Ratansi.

Meeting No. 51

Thursday, April 26, 2007

ORDER OF THE DAY:

Pursuant to Standing Order 108(2) and the motion adopted by the Committee on Tuesday, May 30th, 2006, the Committee resumed its study of economic security of women.

MEMBERS OF THE COMMITTEE PRESENT:

Patricia Davidson,
Nicole Demers,
Johanne Deschamps,
Nina Grewal,
Irene Mathyssen,
Hon. Anita Neville,
Yasmin Ratansi,
Joy Smith
and Bruce Stanton.

ACTING MEMBERS PRESENT:

Hon. Marlene Jennings for Hon. Maria Minna,
and Glen Douglas Pearson for Hon. Belinda Stronach.

IN ATTENDANCE:

Library of Parliament:
Lyne Casavant, Analyst;
Nathalie Pothier, Analyst.

WITNESSES:

Métis National Council:

Melanie Omeniho, National Board Member, Women of the Métis Nation.

Pauktuutit Inuit Women of Canada:

Jennifer Dickson, Executive Director;
Ulrike Komaksiutiksak, Director of Programs.

Melanie Omeniho and Jennifer Dickson made statements and, with Ulrike Komaksiutiksa, answered questions.

Michelle Tittley
Clerk of the Committee

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MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS

Meeting No. 51

Thursday, April 26, 2007

The Standing Committee on the Status of Women met at 3:30 p.m. this day, in Room 269, West Block, the Chair, Yasmin Ratansi, presiding.

Members of the Committee present: Patricia Davidson, Nicole Demers, Johanne Deschamps, Nina Grewal, Irene Mathysen, Hon. Anita Neville, Yasmin Ratansi, Joy Smith and Bruce Stanton.

Acting Members present: Hon. Marlene Jennings for Hon. Maria Minna and Glen Douglas Pearson for Hon. Belinda Stronach.

In attendance: Library of Parliament: Lyne Casavant, Analyst; Nathalie Pothier, Analyst.

Witnesses: Métis National Council: Melanie Omeniho, National Board Member, Women of the Métis Nation. *Pauktuutit Inuit Women of Canada:* Jennifer Dickson, Executive Director; Ulrike Komaksiutiksak, Director of Programs.

Pursuant to Standing Order 108(2) and the motion adopted by the Committee on Tuesday, May 30th, 2006, the Committee resumed its study of economic security of women.

Melanie Omeniho and Jennifer Dickson made statements and, with Ulrike Komaksiutiksa, answered questions.

At 5:09 p.m., the Committee adjourned to the call of the Chair.

Michelle Tittley
Clerk of the Committee

2007/04/27 1:16 p.m.

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MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS

STANDING COMMITTEE ON THE STATUS OF WOMEN

Chair: Yasmin Ratansi.

Meeting No. 52

Tuesday, May 1, 2007

ORDER OF THE DAY:

Pursuant to Standing Order 108(2) and the motion adopted by the Committee on Tuesday, May 30th, 2006, the Committee resumed its study of economic security of women.

The Committee proceeded to the consideration of matters related to Committee business.

MEMBERS OF THE COMMITTEE PRESENT:

Patricia Davidson,
Nicole Demers,
Johanne Deschamps,
Nina Grewal,
Irene Mathyssen,
Hon. Maria Minna,
Yasmin Ratansi,
Joy Smith
and Bruce Stanton.

ACTING MEMBERS PRESENT:

Glen Douglas Pearson for Hon. Belinda Stronach.

IN ATTENDANCE:

Library of Parliament:

Lyne Casavant, Analyst;
Nathalie Pothier, Analyst.

WITNESSES:

Campaign 2000:

Jacquie Maund, Coordinator.

Michelle Tittley
Clerk of the Committee

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Meeting No. 52

Tuesday, May 1, 2007

The Standing Committee on the Status of Women met at 3:36 p.m. this day, in Room 269, West Block, the Chair, Yasmin Ratansi, presiding.

Members of the Committee present: Patricia Davidson, Nicole Demers, Johanne Deschamps, Nina Grewal, Irene Mathysen, Hon. Maria Minna, Yasmin Ratansi, Joy Smith and Bruce Stanton.

Acting Members present: Glen Douglas Pearson for Hon. Belinda Stronach.

In attendance: Library of Parliament: Lyne Casavant, Analyst; Nathalie Pothier, Analyst.

Witnesses: Campaign 2000: Jacquie Maund, Coordinator.

Pursuant to Standing Order 108(2) and the motion adopted by the Committee on Tuesday, May 30th, 2006, the Committee resumed its study of economic security of women.

The witness made a statement and answered questions.

At 4:49 p.m., the sitting was suspended.

At 4:49 p.m., the sitting resumed.

The Committee proceeded to the consideration of matters related to Committee business.

At 4:59 p.m., the Committee adjourned to the call of the Chair.

Michelle Tittley
Clerk of the Committee

2007/05/02 3:56 p.m.

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MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS

STANDING COMMITTEE ON THE STATUS OF WOMEN

Vice-Chair: Joy Smith.

Meeting No. 53

Thursday, May 3, 2007

ORDER OF THE DAY:

Pursuant to Standing Order 108(2) and the motion adopted by the Committee on Tuesday, May 30th, 2006, the Committee resumed its study of economic security of women.

The Committee proceeded to the consideration of matters related to Committee business.

MEMBERS OF THE COMMITTEE PRESENT:

Patricia Davidson,
Nicole Demers,
Johanne Deschamps,
Irene Mathysen,
Hon. Anita Neville,
Joy Smith
and Bruce Stanton.

ACTING MEMBERS PRESENT:

Raymonde Folco for Yasmin Ratansi,
John Maloney for Hon. Maria Minna,
and Scott Simms for Hon. Belinda Stronach.

IN ATTENDANCE:

Library of Parliament:

Lyne Casavant, Analyst;
Nathalie Pothier, Analyst.

WITNESSES:

DisAbled Women's Network of Canada:

Bonnie L. Brayton, National Executive Director.

As an Individual:

Béatrice Chabannel.

DisAbled Women's Network of Canada:

Carmela Hutchison, President.

*SPHERE-Québec (Soutien à la personne handicapée en route vers
l'emploi au Québec):*

Nancy Moreau, Director General;
Lyne Vincent, Project Officer.

Michelle Tittley
Clerk of the Committee

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Meeting No. 53

Thursday, May 3, 2007

The Standing Committee on the Status of Women met at 3:33 p.m. this day, in Room 237-C, Centre Block, the Vice-Chair, Joy Smith, presiding.

Members of the Committee present: Patricia Davidson, Nicole Demers, Johanne Deschamps, Irene Mathysen, Hon. Anita Neville, Joy Smith and Bruce Stanton.

Acting Members present: Raymonde Folco for Yasmin Ratansi, John Maloney for Hon. Maria Minna and Scott Simms for Hon. Belinda Stronach.

In attendance: Library of Parliament: Lyne Casavant, Analyst; Nathalie Pothier, Analyst.

Witnesses: DisAbled Women's Network of Canada: Bonnie L. Brayton, National Executive Director. *As an individual:* Béatrice Chabannel. *DisAbled Women's Network of Canada:* Carmela Hutchison, President. *SPHERE-Québec (Soutien à la personne handicapée en route vers l'emploi au Québec):* Nancy Moreau, Director General; Lyne Vincent, Project Officer.

Pursuant to Standing Order 108(2) and the motion adopted by the Committee on Tuesday, May 30th, 2006, the Committee resumed its study of economic security of women.

Bonnie L. Brayton, Carmela Hutchison, Nancy Moreau and Lyne Vincent made statements and answered questions.

At 4:28 p.m., the sitting was suspended.

At 4:34 p.m., the sitting resumed *in camera*.

Irene Mathysen, Vice-Chair, took the Chair.

Béatrice Chabannel made a statement and answered questions.

At 5:19 p.m., the sitting was suspended.

At 5:19 p.m., the sitting resumed in public.

The Committee proceeded to the consideration of matters related to Committee business.

At 5:31 p.m., the Committee adjourned to the call of the Chair.

Michelle Tittley
Clerk of the Committee

2007/05/04 11:45 a.m.

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MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS

STANDING COMMITTEE ON THE STATUS OF WOMEN

Chair: Yasmin Ratansi.

Meeting No. 54

Tuesday, May 8, 2007

ORDER OF THE DAY:

Pursuant to Standing Order 108(2) and the motion adopted by the Committee on Tuesday, May 30th, 2006, the Committee resumed its study of economic security of women.

The Committee proceeded to the consideration of matters related to Committee business.

Pursuant to Standing Order 108(2) and the motion adopted by the Committee on May 10, 2007, the Committee commenced its study of the proactive pay equity legislation.

MEMBERS OF THE COMMITTEE PRESENT:

Johanne Deschamps,
Nina Grewal,
Irene Mathyssen,
Hon. Maria Minna,
Hon. Anita Neville,
Yasmin Ratansi,
Joy Smith
and Bruce Stanton.

ACTING MEMBERS PRESENT:

Hon. Michael D. Chong for Hon. Helena Guergis,
Claude DeBellefeuille for Nicole Demers,
Luc Harvey for Patricia Davidson,
and Glen Douglas Pearson for Hon. Belinda Stronach.

IN ATTENDANCE:

Library of Parliament:

Nathalie Pothier, Analyst.

WITNESSES:

Canadian Teachers' Federation:

Noreen O'Haire, Director, Professional and Developmental
Services.

Registered Practical Nurses Association of Ontario:

Sheri Oliver, Director, Strategic Nursing Initiatives.

Canadian Teachers' Federation:

John Staple, Deputy Secretary General.

Michelle Tittley
Clerk of the Committee

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MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS

Meeting No. 54

Tuesday, May 8, 2007

The Standing Committee on the Status of Women met at 3:33 p.m. this day, in Room 269, West Block, the Chair, Yasmin Ratansi, presiding.

Members of the Committee present: Johanne Deschamps, Nina Grewal, Irene Mathysen, Hon. Maria Minna, Hon. Anita Neville, Yasmin Ratansi, Joy Smith and Bruce Stanton.

Acting Members present: Hon. Michael D. Chong for Hon. Helena Guergis, Claude DeBellefeuille for Nicole Demers, Luc Harvey for Patricia Davidson and Glen Douglas Pearson for Hon. Belinda Stronach.

In attendance: Library of Parliament: Nathalie Pothier, Analyst.

Witnesses: Canadian Teachers' Federation: Noreen O'Haire, Director, Professional and Developmental Services. *Registered Practical Nurses Association of Ontario:* Sheri Oliver, Director, Strategic Nursing Initiatives. *Canadian Teachers' Federation:* John Staple, Deputy Secretary General.

Pursuant to Standing Order 108(2) and the motion adopted by the Committee on Tuesday, May 30th, 2006, the Committee resumed its study of economic security of women.

The witnesses made statements and answered questions.

At 5:01 p.m., the sitting was suspended.

At 5:06 p.m., the sitting resumed.

The Committee proceeded to the consideration of matters related to Committee business.

Johanne Deschamps moved, — That, pursuant to Standing Order 108(2), the Standing Committee on the Status of Women asks the Minister of Status of Women to provide, by Wednesday May 30, 2007, a list of all organizations that applied for grants under the Women's Program, and to identify which grant applications were approved and which were turned down.

Debate arose thereon.

By unanimous consent, on motion of Anita Neville, it was agreed, — That the motion be amended by adding after the word “provide” the following: “to the Committee members”.

After debate, the question was put on the motion, as amended, and it was agreed to.

Pursuant to Standing Order 108(2) the Committee commenced its study of proactive pay equity legislation.

Maria Minna moved, — Pursuant to Standing Order 108(2) that the Standing Committee on the Status

of Women recommend to the government to immediately introduce proactive pay equity legislation as recommended by the 2004 federal Pay Equity Task Force and that the Chair report the adoption of this motion to the House without delay.

Debate arose thereon.

By unanimous consent, it was agreed, — That the motion as moved by Maria Minna be deferred to the beginning of the next meeting.

At 5:23 p.m., the Committee adjourned to the call of the Chair.

Michelle Tittley
Clerk of the Committee

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Chair: Yasmin Ratansi.

Meeting No. 55

Thursday, May 10, 2007

ORDER OF THE DAY:

Pursuant to Standing Order 108(2) and the motion adopted by the Committee on May 10, 2007, the Committee commenced its study of the proactive pay equity legislation.

Pursuant to Standing Order 108(2) and the motion adopted by the Committee on Tuesday, May 30th, 2006, the Committee resumed its study of economic security of women.

The Committee proceeded to the consideration of matters related to Committee business.

MEMBERS OF THE COMMITTEE PRESENT:

Patricia Davidson,
Johanne Deschamps,
Irene Mathysen,
Hon. Maria Minna,
Hon. Anita Neville,
Yasmin Ratansi,
Joy Smith
and Bruce Stanton.

ACTING MEMBERS PRESENT:

Claude DeBellefeuille for Nicole Demers,
Richard Nadeau for Johanne Deschamps,
Glen Douglas Pearson for Hon. Belinda Stronach,

and Dave Van Kesteren for Nina Grewal.

IN ATTENDANCE:

Library of Parliament:

Julie Cool, Analyst;

Nathalie Pothier, Analyst.

WITNESSES:

Quebec Native Women's Association:

Ellen Gabriel, President.

As an Individual:

Diane Martz.

Rural Women Take Action on Poverty Committee:

Colleen Purdon, Coordinator.

Michelle Tittley
Clerk of the Committee

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Meeting No. 55

Thursday, May 10, 2007

The Standing Committee on the Status of Women met at 3:33 p.m. this day, in Room 269, West Block, the Chair, Yasmin Ratansi, presiding.

Members of the Committee present: Patricia Davidson, Johanne Deschamps, Irene Mathysen, Hon. Maria Minna, Hon. Anita Neville, Yasmin Ratansi, Joy Smith and Bruce Stanton.

Acting Members present: Claude DeBellefeuille for Nicole Demers, Richard Nadeau for Johanne Deschamps, Glen Douglas Pearson for Hon. Belinda Stronach and Dave Van Kesteren for Nina Grewal.

In attendance: Library of Parliament: Julie Cool, Analyst; Nathalie Pothier, Analyst.

Witnesses: Quebec Native Women's Association: Ellen Gabriel, President. *As an individual:* Diane Martz. *Rural Women Take Action on Poverty Committee:* Colleen Purdon, Coordinator.

Pursuant to Standing Order 108(2) and the motion adopted by the Committee on May 10, 2007, the Committee resumed its study of proactive pay equity legislation.

The Committee resumed consideration of the motion of Maria Minna, — as follows;

Pursuant to Standing Order 108(2) that the Standing Committee on the Status of Women recommend to the government to immediately introduce proactive pay equity legislation as recommended by the 2004 federal Pay Equity Task Force and that the Chair report the adoption of this motion to the House without delay.

The debate continued.

By unanimous consent, it was agreed, — that the debate on the motion be concluded after ten minutes.

The question was put on the motion and it was agreed to on the following recorded division: YEAS: Claude DeBellefeuille, Irene Mathysen, Maria Minna, Richard Nadeau, Anita Neville, Glen Douglas Pearson — 6; NAYS: Patricia Davidson, Joy Smith, Bruce Stanton, Dave Van Kesteren — 4.

Pursuant to Standing Order 108(2) and the motion adopted by the Committee on Tuesday, May 30th, 2006, the Committee resumed its study of economic security of women.

The witnesses made statements and answered questions.

At 5:24 p.m., the sitting was suspended.

At 5:25 p.m., the sitting resumed.

The Committee proceeded to the consideration of matters related to Committee business.

It was agreed, — That the Committee invite the Honourable Bev Oda, Minister of Canadian Heritage and the Status of Women to appear before the Committee to discuss the reports on Plans and Priorities.

At 5:30 p.m., the Committee adjourned to the call of the Chair.

Michelle Tittley
Clerk of the Committee

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Chair: Yasmin Ratansi.

Meeting No. 56

Tuesday, May 15, 2007

ORDER OF THE DAY:

Pursuant to Standing Order 108(2) and the motion adopted by the Committee on Tuesday, May 30th, 2006, the Committee resumed its study of economic security of women.

MEMBERS OF THE COMMITTEE PRESENT:

Patricia Davidson,
Johanne Deschamps,
Nina Grewal,
Irene Mathysen,
Hon. Maria Minna,
Hon. Anita Neville,
Yasmin Ratansi,
Joy Smith
and Bruce Stanton.

ACTING MEMBERS PRESENT:

Vivian Barbot for Nicole Demers,
and Glen Douglas Pearson for Hon. Belinda Stronach.

IN ATTENDANCE:

Library of Parliament:
Julie Cool, Analyst;
Nathalie Pothier, Analyst.

WITNESSES:

Department of Human Resources and Social Development:

Barbara Glover, Director General, Labour Market Policy;
Virginia Poter, Director General, Economic Security and Policy.

Department of Finance:

Brenda Lundman, Director, Social Policy Division, Federal-
Provincial Relations and Social Policy Branch;
Alexandra MacLean, Chief, Personal Income Tax Division, Tax
Policy Branch.

Michelle Tittley
Clerk of the Committee

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Meeting No. 56

Tuesday, May 15, 2007

The Standing Committee on the Status of Women met at 3:35 p.m. this day, in Room 269, West Block, the Chair, Yasmin Ratansi, presiding.

Members of the Committee present: Patricia Davidson, Johanne Deschamps, Nina Grewal, Irene Mathyssen, Hon. Maria Minna, Hon. Anita Neville, Yasmin Ratansi, Joy Smith and Bruce Stanton.

Acting Members present: Vivian Barbot for Nicole Demers and Glen Douglas Pearson for Hon. Belinda Stronach.

In attendance: Library of Parliament: Julie Cool, Analyst; Nathalie Pothier, Analyst.

Witnesses: Department of Human Resources and Social Development: Barbara Glover, Director General, Labour Market Policy; Virginia Poter, Director General, Economic Security and Policy.

Department of Finance: Brenda Lundman, Director, Social Policy Division, Federal-Provincial Relations and Social Policy Branch; Alexandra MacLean, Chief, Personal Income Tax Division, Tax Policy Branch.

Pursuant to Standing Order 108(2) and the motion adopted by the Committee on Tuesday, May 30th, 2006, the Committee resumed its study of economic security of women.

The witnesses answered questions.

At 5:13 p.m., the Committee adjourned to the call of the Chair.

Michelle Tittley
Clerk of the Committee

2007/05/16 10:22 a.m.

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STANDING COMMITTEE ON THE STATUS OF WOMEN

Chair: Yasmin Ratansi.

Meeting No. 57

Thursday, May 17, 2007

ORDER OF THE DAY:

Pursuant to Standing Order 108(2) and the motion adopted by the Committee on Tuesday, May 30th, 2006, the Committee resumed its study of economic security of women.

The Committee proceeded to the consideration of matters related to Committee business.

MEMBERS OF THE COMMITTEE PRESENT:

Patricia Davidson,
Nicole Demers,
Johanne Deschamps,
Nina Grewal,
Irene Mathyssen,
Hon. Maria Minna,
Hon. Anita Neville,
Yasmin Ratansi
and Joy Smith.

ACTING MEMBERS PRESENT:

Rick Dykstra for Hon. Helena Guergis.

IN ATTENDANCE:

Library of Parliament:

Julie Cool, Analyst;

Nathalie Pothier, Analyst.

WITNESSES:

Certified General Accountants Association of Canada:

Louise Nesterenko, Fellow Certified General Accountant;

Carole Presseault, Vice-President, Government and Regulatory Affairs.

Carole Presseault made a statement and, with Louise Nesterenko answered questions.

Michelle Tittley
Clerk of the Committee

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Meeting No. 57

Thursday, May 17, 2007

The Standing Committee on the Status of Women met at 3:33 p.m. this day, in Room 269, West Block, the Chair, Yasmin Ratansi, presiding.

Members of the Committee present: Patricia Davidson, Nicole Demers, Johanne Deschamps, Nina Grewal, Irene Mathyssen, Hon. Maria Minna, Hon. Anita Neville, Yasmin Ratansi and Joy Smith.

Acting Members present: Rick Dykstra for Hon. Helena Guergis.

In attendance: Library of Parliament: Julie Cool, Analyst; Nathalie Pothier, Analyst.

Witnesses: Certified General Accountants Association of Canada: Louise Nesterenko, Fellow Certified General Accountant; Carole Presseault, Vice-President, Government and Regulatory Affairs.

Pursuant to Standing Order 108(2) and the motion adopted by the Committee on Tuesday, May 30th, 2006, the Committee resumed its study of economic security of women.

Carole Presseault made a statement and, with Louise Nesterenko answered questions.

At 4:22 p.m., the sitting was suspended.

At 4:26 p.m., the sitting resumed *in camera*.

The Committee proceeded to the consideration of matters related to Committee business.

The Committee proceeded to the consideration of a possible breach of parliamentary privilege.

It was agreed, — That the Chair of the Committee send a confidential letter to the Speaker of the House of Commons outlining concerns surrounding this potential breach of parliamentary privilege.

The Committee proceeded to the consideration of drafting instructions related to the study of the economic security of women.

Irene Mathyssen, Vice-Chair, took the Chair.

At 4:50 p.m., the Committee adjourned to the call of the Chair.

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Clerk of the Committee

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Chair: Yasmin Ratansi.

Meeting No. 58

Tuesday, May 29, 2007

ORDER OF THE DAY:

Pursuant to Standing Order 108(2) and the motion adopted by the Committee on Tuesday, May 29, 2007, the Committee commenced its study of Human Trafficking and the 2010 Olympics.

The Committee proceeded to the consideration of matters related to Committee business.

MEMBERS OF THE COMMITTEE PRESENT:

Patricia Davidson,
Nicole Demers,
Johanne Deschamps,
Irene Mathysen,
Hon. Anita Neville,
Yasmin Ratansi,
Joy Smith
and Bruce Stanton.

ACTING MEMBERS PRESENT:

Tina Keeper for Hon. Maria Minna,
and Glen Douglas Pearson for Hon. Belinda Stronach.

IN ATTENDANCE:

Library of Parliament:

Julie Cool, Analyst;

Nathalie Pothier, Analyst.

Michelle Tittley
Clerk of the Committee

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Meeting No. 58

Tuesday, May 29, 2007

The Standing Committee on the Status of Women met at 3:33 p.m. this day, in Room 308, West Block, the Chair, Yasmin Ratansi, presiding.

Members of the Committee present: Patricia Davidson, Nicole Demers, Johanne Deschamps, Irene Mathyssen, Hon. Anita Neville, Yasmin Ratansi, Joy Smith and Bruce Stanton.

Acting Members present: Tina Keeper for Hon. Maria Minna and Glen Douglas Pearson for Hon. Belinda Stronach.

In attendance: Library of Parliament: Julie Cool, Analyst; Nathalie Pothier, Analyst.

Pursuant to Standing Order 108(2) and the motion adopted by the Committee on Tuesday, May 29, 2007, the Committee commenced its study of Human Trafficking and the 2010 Olympics.

By unanimous consent, it was agreed, — That the debate on the motion last no longer than forty minutes.

Anita Neville moved, — Pursuant to Standing Order 108(2), that the Standing Committee on the Status of Women recommends to the government that a plan be developed and implemented prior to the opening of the 2010 Olympics to curtail the trafficking of women and girls for sexual purposes during the duration of the games and that the Chair report the adoption of this motion to the House without delay.

Debate arose thereon.

By unanimous consent, on motion of Joy Smith, it was agreed, — That the motion be amended by adding after the word “government” the following: “in collaboration with provincial and municipal counterparts as well as experts from the police, international organizations and NGO`s”.

Nicole Demers moved, — That the motion be amended by deleting the words “during the duration of the games”.

Debate arose thereon.

By unanimous consent, the motion was withdrawn.

By unanimous consent, on motion of Johanne Deschamps, it was agreed, — That the motion be amended by adding after the word “games” the following: “and after” and by deleting the words “the duration of”.

By unanimous consent, on motion of Bruce Stanton, it was agreed, — That the motion be amended by adding after the word “recomends” the following: “that” and by deleting the word “to”.

By unanimous consent, after debate, the question was put on the motion, as amended, and it was agreed to.

The Committee proceeded to the consideration of matters related to Committee business.

By unanimous consent, it was agreed, — That the Committee invite the Honourable Bev Oda, Minister of Canadian Heritage and the Status of Women to appear before the Committee in the fall.

By unanimous consent, it was agreed, — That the consideration of the draft report on the Economic Security of Women be considered at the meeting scheduled for Tuesday, June 5, 2007 and that the meeting on Thursday, May 31, 2007 be cancelled.

At 4:17 p.m., the sitting was suspended.

At 4:19 p.m., the sitting resumed *in camera*.

The Committee proceeded to the consideration of a possible breach of parliamentary privilege.

At 4:59 p.m., the Committee adjourned to the call of the Chair.

Michelle Tittley
Clerk of the Committee

2007/05/30 1:20 p.m.

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Meeting No. 59

Tuesday, June 5, 2007

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Meeting No. 59

Tuesday, June 5, 2007

The Standing Committee on the Status of Women met *in camera* at 3:34 p.m. this day, in Room 269, West Block, the Vice-Chair, Joy Smith, presiding.

Members of the Committee present: Nicole Demers, Johanne Deschamps, Nina Grewal, Irene Mathyssen, Hon. Maria Minna, Hon. Anita Neville, Joy Smith and Bruce Stanton.

Acting Members present: Tina Keeper for Yasmin Ratansi and Glen Douglas Pearson for Hon. Belinda Stronach.

In attendance: Library of Parliament: Julie Cool, Analyst; Nathalie Pothier, Analyst.

Pursuant to Standing Order 108(2) and the motion adopted by the Committee on Tuesday, May 30th, 2006, the Committee resumed its study of economic security of women.

The Committee commenced consideration of a draft report.

At 5:22 p.m., the Committee adjourned to the call of the Chair.

Michelle Tittley
Clerk of the Committee

2007/06/08 8:16 a.m.

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Meeting No. 60

Thursday, June 7, 2007

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Séance n^o 60

Le jeudi 7 juin 2007

Le Comité permanent de la condition féminine se réunit aujourd'hui à huis clos à 15 h 36, dans la pièce 269 de l'édifice de l'Ouest, sous la présidence de Joy Smith, la vice-présidente.

Membres du Comité présents : Patricia Davidson, Nicole Demers, Johanne Deschamps, Nina Grewal, Irene Mathysen, Joy Smith et Bruce Stanton.

Membres substitués présents : L'hon. Carolyn Bennett remplace l'hon. Anita Neville, Raymonde Folco remplace Yasmin Ratansi, l'hon. Hedy Fry remplace l'hon. Anita Neville, l'hon. Marlene Jennings remplace l'hon. Maria Minna et Glen Douglas Pearson remplace l'hon. Belinda Stronach.

Aussi présents : *Bibliothèque du Parlement* : Julie Cool, analyste; Nathalie Pothier, analyste.

Conformément à l'article 108(2) du Règlement et à la motion adoptée par le Comité le mardi 30 mai 2006, le Comité reprend son étude sur la sécurité économique des femmes.

Le Comité poursuit son étude d'une ébauche de rapport.

À 17 h 35, le Comité s'ajourne jusqu'à nouvelle convocation par la présidence.

La greffière du Comité,

Michelle Tittley

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Meeting No. 61

Tuesday, June 12, 2007

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Meeting No. 61

Tuesday, June 12, 2007

The Standing Committee on the Status of Women met *in camera* at 3:36 p.m. this day, in Room 269, West Block, the Vice-Chair, Joy Smith, presiding.

Members of the Committee present: Patricia Davidson, Nicole Demers, Johanne Deschamps, Nina Grewal, Joy Smith and Bruce Stanton.

Acting Members present: Hon. Larry Bagnell for Hon. Maria Minna, Bonnie Brown for Yasmin Ratansi, Chris Charlton for Irene Mathyssen, Susan Kadis for Hon. Anita Neville and Glen Douglas Pearson for Hon. Belinda Stronach.

In attendance: Library of Parliament: Lyne Casavant, Analyst; Clara Morgan, Analyst; Nathalie Pothier, Analyst.

Pursuant to Standing Order 108(2) and the motion adopted by the Committee on Tuesday, May 30th, 2006, the Committee resumed its study of economic security of women.

The Committee resumed consideration of a draft report.

It was agreed, — That the draft report, as amended, be adopted.

It was agreed, — That, pursuant to Standing Order 109, the Committee request that the Government table a comprehensive response to the report.

It was agreed, — That the Chair, Clerk and analyst be authorized to make such grammatical and editorial changes as may be necessary without changing the substance of the report.

ORDERED, — That the Chair present the report to the House.

It was agreed, — That dissenting opinions be appended to the report and that they be submitted to the Clerk of the Committee no later than Wednesday June 13, 2007, at noon, and that they be no longer than two pages in length.

At 5:19 p.m., the Committee adjourned to the call of the Chair.

Michelle Tittley
Clerk of the Committee

2007/06/13 3:02 p.m.

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Meeting No. 62

Tuesday, June 19, 2007

ORDER OF THE DAY:

The Committee proceeded to the consideration of matters related to Committee business.

MEMBERS OF THE COMMITTEE PRESENT:

Patricia Davidson,
Nicole Demers,
Johanne Deschamps,
Nina Grewal,
Hon. Helena Guergis,
Irene Mathyssen,
Hon. Maria Minna,
Hon. Anita Neville,
Yasmin Ratansi,
Joy Smith
and Bruce Stanton.

ACTING MEMBERS PRESENT:

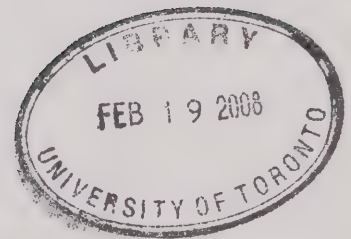
Glen Douglas Pearson for Hon. Belinda Stronach.

IN ATTENDANCE:

Library of Parliament:
Lyne Casavant, Analyst;
Clara Morgan, Analyst;

Nathalie Pothier, Analyst.

Michelle Tittley
Clerk of the Committee



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Meeting No. 62

Tuesday, June 19, 2007

The Standing Committee on the Status of Women met at 3:47 p.m. this day, in Room 308, West Block, the Chair, Yasmin Ratansi, presiding.

Members of the Committee present: Patricia Davidson, Nicole Demers, Johanne Deschamps, Nina Grewal, Hon. Helena Guergis, Irene Mathyssen, Hon. Maria Minna, Hon. Anita Neville, Yasmin Ratansi, Joy Smith and Bruce Stanton.

Acting Members present: Glen Douglas Pearson for Hon. Belinda Stronach.

In attendance: Library of Parliament: Lyne Casavant, Analyst; Clara Morgan, Analyst; Nathalie Pothier, Analyst.

The Committee proceeded to the consideration of matters related to Committee business.

At 3:56 p.m., the sitting was suspended.

At 3:56 p.m., the sitting resumed *in camera*.

The Committee commenced its consideration of future business.

At 4:31 p.m., the Committee adjourned to the call of the Chair.

Michelle Tittley
Clerk of the Committee

2007/06/20 10:04 a.m.

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Clerk of the Committee: Danielle Bélisle.

Meeting No. 1

Wednesday, November 14, 2007

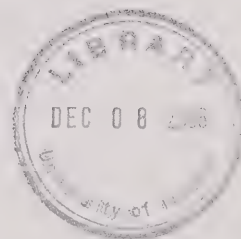
ORDER OF THE DAY:

The Clerk of the Committee presided over the election of a Chair.

The Committee proceeded to the consideration of matters related to Committee business.

MEMBERS OF THE COMMITTEE PRESENT:

Sylvie Boucher,
Patricia Davidson,
Nicole Demers,
Nina Grewal,
Irene Mathyssen,
Hon. Maria Minna,
Yasmin Ratansi,
Bruce Stanton
and Ève-Mary Thériault.



ACTING MEMBERS PRESENT:

Hon. Scott Brison for Glen Douglas Pearson,
and Hon. Andy Scott for Hon. Anita Neville.

IN ATTENDANCE:

House of Commons:
Roger Préfontaine, Committee Clerk.

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Chair: Yasmin Ratansi.

Meeting No. 2

Monday, November 19, 2007

ORDER OF THE DAY:

The Committee proceeded to the consideration of matters related to Committee business.

The Committee proceeded to the consideration of matters related to Committee business.

MEMBERS OF THE COMMITTEE PRESENT:

Sylvie Boucher,
Patricia Davidson,
Nicole Demers,
Nina Grewal,
Irene Mathyssen,
Hon. Maria Minna,
Hon. Anita Neville,
Glen Douglas Pearson,
Yasmin Ratansi
and Bruce Stanton.

ACTING MEMBERS PRESENT:

Johanne Deschamps for Ève-Mary Thériault,
and Susan Kadis for Hon. Anita Neville.

IN ATTENDANCE:

Library of Parliament:

Lyne Casavant, Analyst;

Clara Morgan, Analyst.

Danielle Bélisle

Clerk of the Committee

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Meeting No. 2

Monday, November 19, 2007

The Standing Committee on the Status of Women met at 3:33 p.m. this day, in Room 208, West Block, the Chair, Yasmin Ratansi, presiding.

Members of the Committee present: Sylvie Boucher, Patricia Davidson, Nicole Demers, Nina Grewal, Irene Mathyssen, Hon. Maria Minna, Hon. Anita Neville, Glen Douglas Pearson, Yasmin Ratansi and Bruce Stanton.

Acting Members present: Johanne Deschamps for Ève-Mary Thériault and Susan Kadis for Hon. Anita Neville.

In attendance: Library of Parliament: Lyne Casavant, Analyst; Clara Morgan, Analyst.

The Committee proceeded to the consideration of matters related to Committee business.

On motion of Irene Mathyssen, it was agreed, — That the Committee adopt the following routine motions as per the last session:

That one copy of the transcript of all in camera meetings be kept in the Committee Clerk's office for consultation by members of the Committee

That, if requested, reasonable travel, accommodation and living expenses be reimbursed to witnesses not exceeding one representative per organization; and that, in exceptional circumstances, payment for more representatives be at the discretion of the Chair and that, if requested, reasonable childcare expenses of witnesses be reimbursed

That the Clerk of the Committee be authorized to make the necessary arrangements to provide for working meals for the Committee

That the Clerk of the Committee be authorized to distribute to the members of the Committee documents only when they exist in both official languages, and that no document provided by a witness be distributed without the authorization of the Clerk of the Committee

That the Chair be authorized to hold meetings to receive and publish evidence when a quorum is not present, provided that at least three (3) members are present, including a member of the opposition

That witnesses be given 10 minutes to make their opening statement; that during the questioning of witnesses, the time allocated to each questioner be as follows: on the first round of questioning, 7 minutes to a representative of each party in the following order: Liberal Party, Bloc Québécois, Conservative Party, New Democratic Party. On the following rounds of questioning, 5 minutes per party in the following order: Liberal Party, Conservative Party, Bloc Québécois, New Democratic Party, Conservative Party.

Bruce Stanton moved, — That each Committee member in attendance shall be permitted to have one

staff member attend at any in camera meetings. In addition, each party shall be permitted to have one party staff member attend in camera meetings.

Debate arose thereon.

After debate, the question was put on the motion and the result of the vote was announced: YEAS: 5; NAYS: 5.

Whereupon, the Chair voted in the affirmative.

Accordingly, the motion was agreed to.

Bruce Stanton moved, — That forty-eight (48) hours notice shall be required for any substantive motion to be considered by the Committee; And that the period of notice be calculated from the time the motion has been sent electronically to the members of the committee by the Clerk of the Committee; and that motions be sent in both official languages.

Debate arose thereon.

The question was put on the motion and it was negatived, by a show of hands: YEAS: 4; NAYS: 6.

It was agreed, — That except for amendments to bills, forty eight (48) hours notice be given before any substantive motion is considered by the Committee; and that the motion be filed with the Clerk of the Committee and circulated to members in both official languages. Upon receipt of notice, the Clerk shall put the motion on the agenda of the Committee's next meeting.

On motion of Nicole Demers, it was agreed, — That the Standing Committee on the Status of Women request all members of the Committee not to use their Blackberries while witnesses are testifying, out of respect for the witnesses.

The Committee proceeded to the consideration of matters related to future business.

It was agreed, — That the Minister of Canadian Heritage and the Deputy, Assistant Deputy Minister, and the Coordinator of the Status of Women Canada and the Deputy Coordinator be invited to appear before the Committee on the Supplementary Estimates and the Departmental Performance Reports.

It was agreed, — That the Committee invite the Ministers responsible for the government responses to the 12th, 18th and 21st reports of the 1st Session of the 39th Parliament to appear before the Committee.

It was agreed, — That the Committee also invite the Minister of Public Safety and the Minister of Citizenship and Immigration to appear regarding the 12th report of the 1st Session of the 39th Parliament of the Committee.

It was agreed, — That the Committee study gender budgeting in the first instance and that the research branch provide an overview to permit the Committee to decide on the focus the study will take.

At 5:30 p.m., the Committee adjourned to the call of the Chair.

Danielle Bélisle

Clerk of the Committee

2007/11/21 12:01 p.m.

HOUSE OF COMMONS OF CANADA
39th PARLIAMENT, 2nd SESSION

MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS
STANDING COMMITTEE ON THE STATUS OF WOMEN

Chair: Yasmin Ratansi.

Meeting No. 3

Wednesday, November 21, 2007

ORDER OF THE DAY:

The Committee proceeded to the consideration of matters related to Committee business.

MEMBERS OF THE COMMITTEE PRESENT:

Sylvie Boucher,
Patricia Davidson,
Nicole Demers,
Nina Grewal,
Inky Mark,
Irene Mathysen,
Hon. Maria Minna,
Hon. Anita Neville,
Glen Douglas Pearson,
Yasmin Ratansi,
Bruce Stanton
and Ève-Mary Thäi Thi Lac.

ACTING MEMBERS PRESENT:

Ron Cannan for Inky Mark.

IN ATTENDANCE:

Library of Parliament:

Lyne Casavant, Analyst;
Clara Morgan, Analyst.

Danielle Bélisle
Clerk of the Committee

Français

Close

MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS

Meeting No. 3

Wednesday, November 21, 2007

The Standing Committee on the Status of Women met at 3:32 p.m. this day, in Room 208, West Block, the Chair, Yasmin Ratansi, presiding.

Members of the Committee present: Sylvie Boucher, Patricia Davidson, Nicole Demers, Nina Grewal, Inky Mark, Irene Mathysen, Hon. Maria Minna, Hon. Anita Neville, Glen Douglas Pearson, Yasmin Ratansi, Bruce Stanton and Ève-Mary Thériault.

Acting Members present: Ron Cannan for Inky Mark.

In attendance: Library of Parliament: Lyne Casavant, Analyst; Clara Morgan, Analyst.

The Committee proceeded to the consideration of matters related to Committee business.

At 3:40 p.m. Patricia Davidson, Vice-Chair, took the Chair.

At 3:41 Yasmin Ratansi took the Chair.

It was agreed, — That the Committee start by focusing on how gender budgeting works by inviting witnesses/experts who can describe how gender budgeting can be implemented; thereafter, it could focus on specific areas.

At 4:52 p.m., the Committee adjourned to the call of the Chair.

Danielle Bélisle
Clerk of the Committee

2007/11/22 3:55 p.m.

HOUSE OF COMMONS OF CANADA
39th PARLIAMENT, 2nd SESSION

MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS

STANDING COMMITTEE ON THE STATUS OF WOMEN

Chair: Yasmin Ratansi.

Meeting No. 4

Monday, November 26, 2007

ORDER OF THE DAY:

Pursuant to Standing Order 81(5), the Committee resumed consideration of the Supplementary Estimates (A) 2007-2008: Votes 95a, 100a and 101a under CANADIAN HERITAGE referred to the Committee on Tuesday, October 30, 2007 and Pursuant to Standing Order 108(2), the Committee resumed consideration of the Performance Report 2007-2008 of STATUS OF WOMEN CANADA.

The Committee proceeded to the consideration of matters related to Committee business.

Pursuant to Standing Order 108(2) and the motion adopted by the Committee on Monday, November 26, 2007, the Committee commenced its study on Trafficking of Women and Children During the 2010 Olympics.

MEMBERS OF THE COMMITTEE PRESENT:

Sylvie Boucher,
Patricia Davidson,
Nicole Demers,
Nina Grewal,
Irene Mathysen,
Hon. Maria Minna,
Hon. Anita Neville,
Glen Douglas Pearson,
Yasmin Ratansi
and Bruce Stanton.

ACTING MEMBERS PRESENT:

Johanne Deschamps for Ève-Mary Thāi Thi Lac,
Nancy Karetak-Lindell for Hon. Anita Neville,
and James Lunney for Inky Mark.

IN ATTENDANCE:

Library of Parliament:

Lyne Casavant, Analyst;
Clara Morgan, Analyst.

WITNESSES:

Status of Women Canada:

Clare Beckton, Coordinator, Office of the Coordinator;
Dawn Nicholson-O'Brien, Deputy Coordinator, Office of the
Coordinator;
Cindy Paquette, Director, Corporate Services Directorate.

Clare Beckton made a statement and, with the other witnesses, answered questions.

Danielle Bélisle
Clerk of the Committee

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Close

MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS

Meeting No. 4

Monday, November 26, 2007

The Standing Committee on the Status of Women met at 3:30 p.m. this day, in Room 209, West Block, the Chair, Yasmin Ratansi, presiding.

Members of the Committee present: Sylvie Boucher, Patricia Davidson, Nicole Demers, Nina Grewal, Irene Mathysen, Hon. Maria Minna, Hon. Anita Neville, Glen Douglas Pearson, Yasmin Ratansi and Bruce Stanton.

Acting Members present: Johanne Deschamps for Ève-Mary Thäi Thi Lac, Nancy Karetak-Lindell for Hon. Anita Neville and James Lunney for Inky Mark.

In attendance: Library of Parliament: Lyne Casavant, Analyst; Clara Morgan, Analyst.

Witnesses: Status of Women Canada: Clare Beckton, Coordinator, Office of the Coordinator; Dawn Nicholson-O'Brien, Deputy Coordinator, Office of the Coordinator; Cindy Paquette, Director, Corporate Services Directorate.

Pursuant to Standing Order 81(5), the Committee commenced consideration of the Supplementary Estimates (A) 2007-2008: Votes 95a, 100a and 101a under CANADIAN HERITAGE referred to the Committee on Tuesday, October 30, 2007 and Pursuant to Standing Order 108(2), the Committee commenced consideration of the Performance Report 2007-2008 of STATUS OF WOMEN CANADA.

The Committee proceeded to the consideration of matters related to Committee business.

On motion of Bruce Stanton, it was agreed, — That the Committee adopt the proposed budget in the amount of \$ 39,102, for its study on *Gender Budgets*.

Nicole Demers moved, — That after the Standing Committee on the Status of Women will have studied the 3 reports from the other committees on the Court Challenge Program, that the committee studies the impacts of the cut over the Court Challenge Program on women and more particularly those belonging to the minorities and aboriginal women.

Debate arose thereon.

By unanimous consent, after debate, the question was put on the motion and it was agreed to.

Pursuant to Standing Order 108(2) and the motion adopted by the Committee on Monday, November 26, 2007, the Committee commenced its study on Trafficking of Women and Children During the 2010 Olympics.

Anita Neville moved, — Pursuant to Standing Order 108(2) that the Standing Committee on the Status of Women recommends that the government develop and implement a plan in collaboration with provincial and municipal counterparts, as well as experts from the police, international organizations, and NGOs, prior to the opening of the 2010 Olympics to curtail the trafficking of women and children for sexual purposes during and after the duration of the games, and that the Chair report the adoption of

this motion to the House without delay.

Debate arose thereon.

After debate, the question was put on the motion and it was agreed to.

At 4:30 p.m., the sitting was suspended.

At 4:31 p.m., the sitting resumed.

Clare Beckton made a statement and, with the other witnesses, answered questions.

At 5:06 Pat Davidson, Vice-Chair, took the Chair.

At 5:11 Yasmin Ratansi took the Chair.

At 5:40 p.m., the Committee adjourned to the call of the Chair.

Danielle Bélisle
Clerk of the Committee

2007/11/27 2:54 p.m.

HOUSE OF COMMONS OF CANADA
39th PARLIAMENT, 2nd SESSION

MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS
STANDING COMMITTEE ON THE STATUS OF WOMEN

Chair: Yasmin Ratansi.

Meeting No. 5

Wednesday, November 28, 2007

ORDER OF THE DAY:

Pursuant to Standing Order 108(2) and the motion adopted by the Committee on November 21 2007, the Committee resumed its study on Gender Budgets.

The Committee proceeded to the consideration of matters related to Committee business.

MEMBERS OF THE COMMITTEE PRESENT:

Sylvie Boucher,
Patricia Davidson,
Nicole Demers,
Nina Grewal,
Irene Mathysen,
Hon. Maria Minna,
Hon. Anita Neville,
Glen Douglas Pearson,
Yasmin Ratansi,
Bruce Stanton
and Ève-Mary Thériault.

ACTING MEMBERS PRESENT:

Hon. Irwin Cotler for Glen Douglas Pearson,
and Mervin Tweed for Inky Mark.

IN ATTENDANCE:

Library of Parliament:

Lyne Casavant, Analyst;
Clara Morgan, Analyst.

WITNESSES:

Queens University:

Kathleen Lahey, Professor, Institute of Women's Studies.

York University:

Lisa Philipps, Associate Professor, Osgoode Hall Law School.

Danielle Bélisle
Clerk of the Committee

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Close

MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS

Meeting No. 5

Wednesday, November 28, 2007

The Standing Committee on the Status of Women met by videoconference at 3:32 p.m. this day, in Room 308, West Block, the Chair, Yasmin Ratansi, presiding.

Members of the Committee present: Sylvie Boucher, Patricia Davidson, Nicole Demers, Nina Grewal, Irene Mathyssen, Hon. Maria Minna, Hon. Anita Neville, Glen Douglas Pearson, Yasmin Ratansi, Bruce Stanton and Ève-Mary Thāi Thi Lac.

Acting Members present: Hon. Irwin Cotler for Glen Douglas Pearson and Mervin Tweed for Inky Mark.

In attendance: Library of Parliament: Lyne Casavant, Analyst; Clara Morgan, Analyst.

Witnesses: Queens University: Kathleen Lahey, Professor, Institute of Women's Studies. *York University:* Lisa Philipps, Associate Professor, Osgoode Hall Law School.

Pursuant to Standing Order 108(2) and the motion adopted by the Committee on November 21 2007, the Committee commenced its study on Gender Budgets.

The witnesses made statements and answered questions.

At 5:07 p.m., the sitting was suspended.

At 5:08 p.m., the sitting resumed.

The Committee proceeded to the consideration of matters related to Committee business.

It was agreed, — That the Committee meet December 4th and 11th from 11:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. on the subject of Court Challenges Programs.

At 5:18 p.m., the Committee adjourned to the call of the Chair.

Danielle Bélisle
Clerk of the Committee

2007/11/29 10:52 a.m.

HOUSE OF COMMONS OF CANADA
39th PARLIAMENT, 2nd SESSION

MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS
STANDING COMMITTEE ON THE STATUS OF WOMEN

Chair: Yasmin Ratansi.

Meeting No. 6

Monday, December 3, 2007

ORDER OF THE DAY:

Pursuant to Standing Order 108(2) and the motion adopted by the Committee on November 21 2007, the Committee resumed its study on Gender Budgets.

The Committee proceeded to the consideration of matters related to Committee business.

MEMBERS OF THE COMMITTEE PRESENT:

Sylvie Boucher,
Nicole Demers,
Nina Grewal,
Irene Mathysen,
Hon. Maria Minna,
Glen Douglas Pearson,
Yasmin Ratansi
and Bruce Stanton.

ACTING MEMBERS PRESENT:

Carole Freeman for Ève-Mary Thériault Lac,
and Tina Keeper for Hon. Anita Neville.

IN ATTENDANCE:

Library of Parliament:
Lyne Casavant, Analyst;

Clara Morgan, Analyst.

WITNESSES:

University of Nebraska at Omaha :

John R. Bartle, Director and Professor, School of Public
Administration.

Carleton University:

Ellen Russell, Professor, School of Public Policy and
Administration.

Maxime Ricard
Committee Clerk

Français Close

MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS

Meeting No. 6

Monday, December 3, 2007

The Standing Committee on the Status of Women met by videoconference at 3:34 p.m. this day, in Room 253-D, Centre Block, the Chair, Yasmin Ratansi, presiding.

Members of the Committee present: Sylvie Boucher, Nicole Demers, Nina Grewal, Irene Mathyssen, Hon. Maria Minna, Glen Douglas Pearson, Yasmin Ratansi and Bruce Stanton.

Acting Members present: Carole Freeman for Ève-Mary Thériault and Tina Keeper for Hon. Anita Neville.

In attendance: Library of Parliament: Lyne Casavant, Analyst; Clara Morgan, Analyst.

Witnesses: University of Nebraska at Omaha : John R. Bartle, Director and Professor, School of Public Administration. *Carleton University:* Ellen Russell, Professor, School of Public Policy and Administration.

Pursuant to Standing Order 108(2) and the motion adopted by the Committee on November 21 2007, the Committee resumed its study on Gender Budgets.

The witnesses made statements and answered questions.

At 5:19 p.m., the sitting was suspended.

At 5:21 p.m., the sitting resumed.

On motion of Maria Minna, it was agreed, — That the proposed operational budget for the study of Women and the Court Challenges Program in the amount of \$ 19, 204, for the period of 2007 to 2008 be adopted.

At 5:24 p.m., the Committee adjourned to the call of the Chair.

Maxime Ricard
Committee Clerk

2007/12/04 1:32 p.m.

HOUSE OF COMMONS OF CANADA
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MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS
STANDING COMMITTEE ON THE STATUS OF WOMEN

Vice-Chair: Irene Mathyssen.

Meeting No. 7

Tuesday, December 4, 2007

ORDER OF THE DAY:

Pursuant to Standing Order 108(2) and the motion adopted by the Committee on November 26, 2007, the Committee resumed its study of Women and the Court Challenges Program.

MEMBERS OF THE COMMITTEE PRESENT:

Sylvie Boucher,
Patricia Davidson,
Nina Grewal,
Inky Mark,
Irene Mathyssen,
Hon. Maria Minna,
Hon. Anita Neville,
Glen Douglas Pearson
and Ève-Mary Thäi Thi Lac.

ACTING MEMBERS PRESENT:

Hon. Joe Comuzzi for Bruce Stanton,
and Johanne Deschamps for Nicole Demers.

IN ATTENDANCE:

Library of Parliament:
Lyne Casavant, Analyst.
House of Commons:

Maxime Ricard, Procedural Clerk.

WITNESSES:

As Individuals:

Elizabeth Atcheson, Lawyer.

Women's Legal Education and Action Fund:

Doris Buss, Chair, Law Program Committee.

Canadian Feminist Alliance for International Action:

Shelagh Day, Chair, Human Rights Committee.

DisAbled Women's Network of Canada:

Carmela Hutchison, President.

National Association of Women and the Law:

Martha Jackman, Member, National Steering Committee.

REAL Women of Canada:

Gwendolyn Landolt, National Vice-President.

As Individuals:

Sharon McIvor, Lawyer.

Danielle Bélisle
Clerk of the Committee

 Close

MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS

Meeting No. 7

Tuesday, December 4, 2007

The Standing Committee on the Status of Women met at 11:05 a.m. this day, in Room 536, Wellington Building, the Vice-Chair, Irene Mathyssen, presiding.

Members of the Committee present: Sylvie Boucher, Patricia Davidson, Nina Grewal, Inky Mark, Irene Mathyssen, Hon. Maria Minna, Hon. Anita Neville, Glen Douglas Pearson and Ève-Mary Thai Thi Lac.

Acting Members present: Hon. Joe Comuzzi for Bruce Stanton and Johanne Deschamps for Nicole Demers.

In attendance: Library of Parliament: Lyne Casavant, Analyst. *House of Commons:* Maxime Ricard, Procedural Clerk.

Witnesses: As an individual: Elizabeth Atcheson, Lawyer. *Women's Legal Education and Action Fund:* Doris Buss, Chair, Law Program Committee. *Canadian Feminist Alliance for International Action:* Shelagh Day, Chair, Human Rights Committee. *DisAbled Women's Network of Canada:* Carmela Hutchison, President. *National Association of Women and the Law:* Martha Jackman, Member, National Steering Committee. *REAL Women of Canada:* Gwendolyn Landolt, National Vice-President. *As an individual:* Sharon McIvor, Lawyer.

Pursuant to Standing Order 108(2) and the motion adopted by the Committee on November 26, 2007, the Committee commenced its study of Women and the Court Challenges Program.

The witnesses made statements and answered questions.

At 1:01 p.m., the Committee adjourned to the call of the Chair.

Danielle Bélisle
Clerk of the Committee

2007/12/04 3:53 p.m.

HOUSE OF COMMONS OF CANADA
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MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS
STANDING COMMITTEE ON THE STATUS OF WOMEN

Vice-Chair: Patricia Davidson.

Meeting No. 8

Wednesday, December 5, 2007

ORDER OF THE DAY:

Pursuant to Standing Order 108(2) and the motion adopted by the Committee on November 21 2007, the Committee resumed its study on Gender Budgets.

MEMBERS OF THE COMMITTEE PRESENT:

Sylvie Boucher,
Patricia Davidson,
Nina Grewal,
Irene Mathysen,
Hon. Maria Minna
and Glen Douglas Pearson.

ACTING MEMBERS PRESENT:

Johanne Deschamps for Ève-Mary Thāi Thi Lac,
Christiane Gagnon for Nicole Demers,
and Hon. Gurbax Malhi for Yasmin Ratansi.

IN ATTENDANCE:

Library of Parliament:
Lyne Casavant, Analyst.

WITNESSES:

United Nations Platform for Action Committee Manitoba:

Lissa Donner.

University of South Australia:

Rhonda Sharp, Professor of Economics, Hawke Research Institute
for Sustainable Societies.

Community Social Planning Council of Toronto:

Armine Yalnizyan, Director of Research.

Danielle Bélisle
Clerk of the Committee

 Close

MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS

Meeting No. 8

Wednesday, December 5, 2007

The Standing Committee on the Status of Women met by videoconference at 3:39 p.m. this day, in Room 536, Wellington Building, the Vice-Chair, Patricia Davidson, presiding.

Members of the Committee present: Sylvie Boucher, Patricia Davidson, Nina Grewal, Irene Mathysen, Hon. Maria Minna and Glen Douglas Pearson.

Acting Members present: Johanne Deschamps for Ève-Mary Thériault, Christiane Gagnon for Nicole Demers and Hon. Gurbax Malhi for Yasmin Ratansi.

In attendance: Library of Parliament: Lyne Casavant, Analyst.

Witnesses: United Nations Platform for Action Committee Manitoba: Lissa Donner. *University of South Australia:* Rhonda Sharp, Professor of Economics, Hawke Research Institute for Sustainable Societies. *Community Social Planning Council of Toronto:* Armine Yalnizyan, Director of Research.

Pursuant to Standing Order 108(2) and the motion adopted by the Committee on November 21 2007, the Committee resumed its study on Gender Budgets.

The witnesses made statements and answered questions.

At 5:23 p.m., the Committee adjourned to the call of the Chair.

Danielle Bélisle
Clerk of the Committee

2007/12/06 9:18 a.m.

HOUSE OF COMMONS OF CANADA
39th PARLIAMENT, 2nd SESSION

MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS
STANDING COMMITTEE ON THE STATUS OF WOMEN

Chair: Yasmin Ratansi.

Meeting No. 9

Monday, December 10, 2007

ORDER OF THE DAY:

Pursuant to Standing Order 108(2) and the motion adopted by the Committee on November 21 2007, the Committee resumed its study on Gender Budgets.

MEMBERS OF THE COMMITTEE PRESENT:

Sylvie Boucher,
Patricia Davidson,
Nicole Demers,
Nina Grewal,
Irene Mathysen,
Hon. Maria Minna,
Hon. Anita Neville,
Yasmin Ratansi
and Bruce Stanton.

ACTING MEMBERS PRESENT:

Hon. Irwin Cotler for Glen Douglas Pearson,
Hon. Roy Cullen for Glen Douglas Pearson,
and Johanne Deschamps for Ève-Mary Thériault.

IN ATTENDANCE:

Library of Parliament:
Lyne Casavant, Analyst;
Clara Morgan, Analyst.

WITNESSES:

Status of Women Canada:

Clare Beckton, Coordinator, Office of the Coordinator;
Hélène Dwyer-Renaud, Senior Advisor, Gender-based Analysis.

Canadian Feminist Alliance for International Action:

Nancy Peckford, Program Director.

Community Agency for Social Enquiry :

Debbie Budlender, Specialist Researcher.

Maxime Ricard
Committee Clerk

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Close

MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS

Meeting No. 9

Monday, December 10, 2007

The Standing Committee on the Status of Women met by teleconference at 3:33 p.m. this day, in Room 308 West Block, the Chair, Yasmin Ratansi, presiding.

Members of the Committee present: Sylvie Boucher, Patricia Davidson, Nicole Demers, Nina Grewal, Irene Mathyssen, Hon. Maria Minna, Hon. Anita Neville, Yasmin Ratansi and Bruce Stanton.

Acting Members present: Hon. Irwin Cotler for Glen Douglas Pearson, Hon. Roy Cullen for Glen Douglas Pearson and Johanne Deschamps for Ève-Mary Thiaï Thi Lac.

In attendance: Library of Parliament: Lyne Casavant, Analyst; Clara Morgan, Analyst.

Witnesses: Status of Women Canada: Clare Beckton, Coordinator, Office of the Coordinator; Hélène Dwyer-Renaud, Senior Advisor, Gender-based Analysis. *Canadian Feminist Alliance for International Action:* Nancy Peckford, Program Director. *Community Agency for Social Enquiry :* Debbie Budlender, Specialist Researcher.

Pursuant to Standing Order 108(2) and the motion adopted by the Committee on November 21 2007, the Committee resumed its study on Gender Budgets.

The witnesses made statements and answered questions.

At 5:34 p.m., the Committee adjourned to the call of the Chair.

Maxime Ricard
Committee Clerk

2007/12/11 10:36 a.m.

HOUSE OF COMMONS OF CANADA
39th PARLIAMENT, 2nd SESSION

MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS
STANDING COMMITTEE ON THE STATUS OF WOMEN

Chair: Yasmin Ratansi.

Meeting No. 10

Tuesday, December 11, 2007

ORDER OF THE DAY:

Pursuant to Standing Order 108(2) and the motion adopted by the Committee on November 26, 2007, the Committee resumed its study of Women and the Court Challenges Program.

MEMBERS OF THE COMMITTEE PRESENT:

Sylvie Boucher,
Patricia Davidson,
Nicole Demers,
Nina Grewal,
Irene Mathysen,
Hon. Maria Minna,
Hon. Anita Neville,
Yasmin Ratansi,
Bruce Stanton
and Ève-Mary Thiaï Thi Lac.

ACTING MEMBERS PRESENT:

Alan Tonks for Glen Douglas Pearson.

IN ATTENDANCE:

Library of Parliament:

Lyne Casavant, Analyst.

House of Commons:

Maxime Ricard, Procedural Clerk.

WITNESSES:

Native Women's Association of Canada:

Mary Eberts, Legal Counsel;

Beverley Jacobs, President.

University of Calgary:

Kathleen Mahoney, Professor, Faculty of Law.

National Anti-Racism Council of Canada:

Estella Muyinda, Executive Director.

As an Individual:

Jennifer Lynn Purdy.

McGill University:

Colleen Sheppard, Associate Professor, Faculty of Law.

*Regroupement québécois des Centres d'aide et de lutte contre les
agressions à caractère sexuel:*

Carole Tremblay, Liaison Officer.

Danielle Bélisle
Clerk of the Committee

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MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS

Meeting No. 10

Tuesday, December 11, 2007

The Standing Committee on the Status of Women met by teleconference at 11:39 a.m. this day, in Room 536 Wellington Building, the Chair, Yasmin Ratansi, presiding.

Members of the Committee present: Sylvie Boucher, Patricia Davidson, Nicole Demers, Nina Grewal, Irene Mathysen, Hon. Maria Minna, Hon. Anita Neville, Yasmin Ratansi, Bruce Stanton and Ève-Mary Thériault.

Acting Members present: Alan Tonks for Glen Douglas Pearson.

In attendance: *Library of Parliament:* Lyne Casavant, Analyst. *House of Commons:* Maxime Ricard, Procedural Clerk.

Witnesses: *Native Women's Association of Canada:* Mary Eberts, Legal Counsel; Beverley Jacobs, President. *University of Calgary:* Kathleen Mahoney, Professor, Faculty of Law. *National Anti-Racism Council of Canada:* Estella Muyinda, Executive Director. *As an individual:* Jennifer Lynn Purdy. *McGill University:* Colleen Sheppard, Associate Professor, Faculty of Law. *Regroupement québécois des Centres d'aide et de lutte contre les agressions à caractère sexuel:* Carole Tremblay, Liaison Officer.

Pursuant to Standing Order 108(2) and the motion adopted by the Committee on November 26, 2007, the Committee resumed its study of Women and the Court Challenges Program.

The witnesses made statements and answered questions.

At 1:08 p.m., the Committee adjourned to the call of the Chair.

Danielle Bélisle
Clerk of the Committee

2007/12/11 2:19 p.m.

HOUSE OF COMMONS OF CANADA
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MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS
STANDING COMMITTEE ON THE STATUS OF WOMEN

Chair: Yasmin Ratansi.

Meeting No. 11

Wednesday, December 12, 2007

ORDER OF THE DAY:

The Committee proceeded to the consideration of matters related to Committee business.

MEMBERS OF THE COMMITTEE PRESENT:

Sylvie Boucher,
Patricia Davidson,
Nicole Demers,
Nina Grewal,
Irene Mathysen,
Hon. Maria Minna,
Hon. Anita Neville,
Glen Douglas Pearson,
Yasmin Ratansi,
Bruce Stanton
and Ève-Mary Thiaï Thi Lac.

IN ATTENDANCE:

Library of Parliament:
Lyne Casavant, Analyst;
Clara Morgan, Analyst.

Danielle Bélisle
Clerk of the Committee

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Close

MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS

Meeting No. 11

Wednesday, December 12, 2007

The Standing Committee on the Status of Women met at 3:38 p.m. this day, in Room 308, West Block, the Chair, Yasmin Ratansi, presiding.

Members of the Committee present: Sylvie Boucher, Patricia Davidson, Nicole Demers, Nina Grewal, Irene Mathyssen, Hon. Maria Minna, Hon. Anita Neville, Glen Douglas Pearson, Yasmin Ratansi, Bruce Stanton and Ève-Mary Thériault.

In attendance: Library of Parliament: Lyne Casavant, Analyst; Clara Morgan, Analyst.

The Committee proceeded to the consideration of matters related to Committee business.

On motion of Irene Mathyssen, it was agreed, — That the Standing Committee on the Status of Women secure the Finance Department reports and related documents outlining the Gender Based Analysis done for the 2006 and 2007 federal budgets.

It was agreed, — That the Committee seek expertise on gender budgets, that the researchers prepare a summation of evidence on the subject and, thereafter, that the Committee determine the work parameters for an expert and that they choose the appropriate expert.

It was agreed, — That the researchers prepare a draft report on the Court Challenge Program with recommendations.

By unanimous consent, it was agreed, — at 4:22 p.m., that pursuant to Standing Order 115(5), the Committee continue to sit till 4:30 p.m. this day.

At 4:27 p.m., the Committee adjourned to the call of the Chair.

Danielle Bélisle
Clerk of the Committee

2007/12/13 2:20 p.m.

HOUSE OF COMMONS OF CANADA
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Chair: Yasmin Ratansi.

Meeting No. 12

Tuesday, January 29, 2008

IN CAMERA

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MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS

Meeting No. 12

Tuesday, January 29, 2008

The Standing Committee on the Status of Women met *in camera* at 9:08 a.m. this day, in Room 209, West Block, the Chair, Yasmin Ratansi, presiding.

Members of the Committee present: Sylvie Boucher, Patricia Davidson, Nicole Demers, Nina Grewal, Irene Mathyssen, Hon. Maria Minna, Hon. Anita Neville, Glen Douglas Pearson, Yasmin Ratansi and Bruce Stanton.

Acting Members present: Johanne Deschamps for Ève-Mary Thériault.

In attendance: Library of Parliament: Nancy Miller Chenier, Analyst; Clara Morgan, Analyst.

Pursuant to Standing Order 108(2) and the motion adopted by the Committee on November 26, 2007, the Committee resumed its study of Women and the Court Challenges Program.

The Committee commenced consideration of a draft report.

At 10:26 a.m., the Committee adjourned to the call of the Chair.

Danielle Bélisle
Clerk of the Committee

2008/01/29 2:11 p.m.

HOUSE OF COMMONS OF CANADA
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MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS

STANDING COMMITTEE ON THE STATUS OF WOMEN

Chair: Yasmin Ratansi.

Meeting No. 13

Thursday, January 31, 2008

IN CAMERA

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Close

MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS

Meeting No. 13

Thursday, January 31, 2008

The Standing Committee on the Status of Women met *in camera* at 9:06 a.m. this day, in Room 209, West Block, the Chair, Yasmin Ratansi, presiding.

Members of the Committee present: Sylvie Boucher, Patricia Davidson, Nicole Demers, Johanne Deschamps, Nina Grewal, Irene Mathysen, Hon. Maria Minna, Hon. Anita Neville, Glen Douglas Pearson and Bruce Stanton.

In attendance: Library of Parliament: Nancy Miller Chenier, Analyst; Clara Morgan, Analyst; Karine Richer, Analyst.

Pursuant to Standing Order 108(2) and the motion adopted by the Committee on November 26, 2007, the Committee resumed its study of Women and the Court Challenges Program.

The Committee resumed consideration of a draft report.

Pursuant to Standing Order 108(2) and the motion adopted by the Committee on November 21 2007, the Committee resumed its study on Gender Budgets.

It was agreed, — That the Committee invite the Department of Finance, Privy Council and Treasury Board and also Status of Women Canada to send the right resources that are involved in gender based analysis and that monitor the implementation of gender based analysis to appear before the Committee.

It was agreed, — That the Department of Finance, Treasury Board and Privy Council provide beforehand specific documentation relevant to the budgetary process and to gender based analysis throughout the budgetary cycle.

At 10:51 a.m., the Committee adjourned to the call of the Chair.

Danielle Bélisle
Clerk of the Committee

2008/02/01 2:59 p.m.

HOUSE OF COMMONS OF CANADA
39th PARLIAMENT, 2nd SESSION

MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS

STANDING COMMITTEE ON THE STATUS OF WOMEN

Chair: Yasmin Ratansi.

Meeting No. 14

Tuesday, February 5, 2008

ORDER OF THE DAY:

Pursuant to Standing Order 108(2) and the motion adopted by the Committee on November 26, 2007, the Committee resumed its study of Women and the Court Challenges Program.

Pursuant to Standing Order 108(2) and the motion adopted by the Committee on Tuesday, February 5, 2008, the Committee commenced its study of the United Nations Declaration on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples.

Pursuant to Standing Order 108(2), the Committee resumed its study of matters relating to the mandate, management and operation of the department and its study of the Government Response to the 18th report (39th Parliament, 1st Session) entitled: The Impacts of Funding and Program Changes at Status of Women Canada.

MEMBERS OF THE COMMITTEE PRESENT:

Sylvie Boucher,
Nicole Demers,
Johanne Deschamps,
Nina Grewal,
Irene Mathysen,
Hon. Maria Minna,
Hon. Anita Neville,
Glen Douglas Pearson,
Yasmin Ratansi
and Bruce Stanton.

ACTING MEMBERS PRESENT:

Hon. Sue Barnes for Glen Douglas Pearson,
and Rick Norlock for Patricia Davidson.

IN ATTENDANCE:

Library of Parliament:

Nancy Miller Chenier, Analyst;
Clara Morgan, Analyst;
Karine Richer, Analyst.

APPEARING:

Hon. Josée Verner, Minister of Canadian Heritage, Status of Women and
Official Languages.

WITNESSES:

Status of Women Canada:

Clare Beckton, Coordinator, Office of the Coordinator.

The Minister made a statement and, with the other witness, answered questions.

Danielle Bélisle
Clerk of the Committee

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Close

MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS

Meeting No. 14

Tuesday, February 5, 2008

The Standing Committee on the Status of Women met *in camera* at 9:05 a.m. this day, in Room 253-D, Centre Block, the Chair, Yasmin Ratansi, presiding.

Members of the Committee present: Sylvie Boucher, Nicole Demers, Johanne Deschamps, Nina Grewal, Irene Mathysen, Hon. Maria Minna, Hon. Anita Neville, Glen Douglas Pearson, Yasmin Ratansi and Bruce Stanton.

Acting Members present: Hon. Sue Barnes for Glen Douglas Pearson and Rick Norlock for Patricia Davidson.

In attendance: Library of Parliament: Nancy Miller Chenier, Analyst; Clara Morgan, Analyst; Karine Richer, Analyst.

Appearing: Hon. Josée Verner, Minister of Canadian Heritage, Status of Women and Official Languages.

Witnesses: Status of Women Canada: Clare Beckton, Coordinator, Office of the Coordinator.

Pursuant to Standing Order 108(2) and the motion adopted by the Committee on November 26, 2007, the Committee resumed its study of Women and the Court Challenges Program.

The Committee resumed consideration of a draft report.

It was agreed, — That the final report (as amended) on “Women and the Court Challenges Program” be adopted as the Second Report of the Standing Committee on the Status of Women.

It was agreed, — That the Clerk be authorized to make such grammatical and typographical changes as necessary without changing the substance of the Report.

It was agreed, — That the Chair be authorised to table the Report in the House.

It was agreed, — That, pursuant to Standing Order 108 (1) (a), the Committee authorizes the printing of dissenting opinion of the government as an appendix to this report immediately after the signature of the Chair; that the dissenting opinion be limited to not more than 2 pages; (font = 12; line spacing = 1.5) and that the dissenting opinion be delivered in electronic format in both official languages to the Clerk of the Committee not later than 5:00 p.m., on Thursday, February 7th 2008.

Pursuant to Standing Order 108(2) and the motion adopted by the Committee on Tuesday, February 5, 2008, the Committee commenced its study of the United Nations Declaration on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples.

It was agreed, — That the government endorse the United Nations Declaration on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples as adopted by the United Nations General Assembly on 13 September 2007 and that

Parliament and Government of Canada fully implement the standards contained therein, and that the decision of this Committee be reported to the House.

At 9:40 a.m., the sitting was suspended.

At 10:04 a.m., the Committee resumed sitting in public and televised.

Pursuant to Standing Order 108(2), the Committee commenced its study of matters relating to the mandate, management and operation of the department and its study of the Government Response to the 18th report (39th Parliament, 1st Session) entitled: The Impacts of Funding and Program Changes at Status of Women Canada.

The Minister made a statement and, with the other witness, answered questions.

At 11:07 a.m., the Committee adjourned to the call of the Chair.

Danielle Bélisle
Clerk of the Committee

2008/02/06 11:16 a.m.

HOUSE OF COMMONS OF CANADA
39th PARLIAMENT, 2nd SESSION

MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS

STANDING COMMITTEE ON THE STATUS OF WOMEN

Chair: Yasmin Ratansi.

Meeting No. 15

Thursday, February 7, 2008

ORDER OF THE DAY:

Pursuant to Standing Order 108(2), the Committee resumed its study of Government Response to the 12th report (39th Parliament, 1st Session) entitled: Turning Outrage into Action to Address Trafficking for the Purpose of Sexual Exploitation in Canada.

MEMBERS OF THE COMMITTEE PRESENT:

Sylvie Boucher,
Nicole Demers,
Johanne Deschamps,
Nina Grewal,
Irene Mathysen,
Hon. Maria Minna,
Hon. Anita Neville,
Yasmin Ratansi
and Bruce Stanton.

ACTING MEMBERS PRESENT:

Laurie Hawn for Patricia Davidson,
Denis Lebel for Inky Mark,
and Hon. Andy Scott for Glen Douglas Pearson.

IN ATTENDANCE:

Library of Parliament:

Nancy Miller Chenier, Analyst;
Clara Morgan, Analyst.

APPEARING:

Hon. Stockwell Day, Minister of Public Safety;
Hon. Diane Finley, Minister of Citizenship and Immigration;
Hon. Rob Nicholson, Minister of Justice.

Danielle Bélisle
Clerk of the Committee

 Close

MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS

Meeting No. 15

Thursday, February 7, 2008

The Standing Committee on the Status of Women met in a televised session at 9:03 a.m. this day, in Room 237-C, Centre Block, the Chair, Yasmin Ratansi, presiding.

Members of the Committee present: Sylvie Boucher, Nicole Demers, Johanne Deschamps, Nina Grewal, Irene Mathyssen, Hon. Maria Minna, Hon. Anita Neville, Yasmin Ratansi and Bruce Stanton.

Acting Members present: Laurie Hawn for Patricia Davidson, Denis Lebel for Inky Mark and Hon. Andy Scott for Glen Douglas Pearson.

In attendance: Library of Parliament: Nancy Miller Chenier, Analyst; Clara Morgan, Analyst.

Appearing: Hon. Stockwell Day, Minister of Public Safety; Hon. Diane Finley, Minister of Citizenship and Immigration; Hon. Rob Nicholson, Minister of Justice.

Pursuant to Standing Order 108(2), the Committee commenced its study of Government Response to the 12th report (39th Parliament, 1st Session) entitled: Turning Outrage into Action to Address Trafficking for the Purpose of Sexual Exploitation in Canada.

The Ministers made statements and answered questions.

At 11:03 a.m., the Committee adjourned to the call of the Chair.

Danielle Bélisle
Clerk of the Committee

2008/02/13 2:56 p.m.

HOUSE OF COMMONS OF CANADA
39th PARLIAMENT, 2nd SESSION

MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS
STANDING COMMITTEE ON THE STATUS OF WOMEN

Chair: Yasmin Ratansi.

Meeting No. 16

Tuesday, February 12, 2008

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MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS

Meeting No. 16

Tuesday, February 12, 2008

The Standing Committee on the Status of Women met *in camera* at 9:05 a.m. this day, in Room 269, West Block, the Chair, Yasmin Ratansi, presiding.

Members of the Committee present: Sylvie Boucher, Patricia Davidson, Nicole Demers, Johanne Deschamps, Nina Grewal, Irene Mathysen, Hon. Maria Minna, Hon. Anita Neville, Glen Douglas Pearson, Yasmin Ratansi and Bruce Stanton.

In attendance: Library of Parliament: Shahrzad Mobasher Fard, Analyst; Clara Morgan, Analyst; Karine Richer, Analyst.

Witnesses: Library of Parliament: Alexandre Laurin, Analyst, Economics Division; Lydia Scratch, Analyst, Political and Social Affairs Division; Alex Smith, Analyst, Political and Social Affairs Division.

Pursuant to Standing Order 108(2) and the motion adopted by the Committee on November 21 2007, the Committee resumed its study on Gender Budgets.

Alex Smith and Lydia Scratch made statements and, with the other witness, answered questions.

At 10:24 a.m., the sitting was suspended.

At 10:29 a.m., the sitting resumed.

The Committee proceeded to the consideration of matters related to Committee business.

It was agreed, — That, the Committee invite expert witnesses February 28th and March 13th and the Department of Finance March 11th.

It was agreed, — That, the Committee invite Privy Council officials Anita Biguzs, Richard Tardif, and Saaqib Ahmad and Treasury Board officials Jeanne Flemming and Daniel Ricard to appear before the Committee March 4th and 6th and that they be summoned if necessary.

At 10:58 a.m., the Committee adjourned to the call of the Chair.

Danielle Bélisle
Clerk of the Committee

2008/02/12 3:31 p.m.

HOUSE OF COMMONS OF CANADA
39th PARLIAMENT, 2nd SESSION

MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS

STANDING COMMITTEE ON THE STATUS OF WOMEN

Chair: Yasmin Ratansi.

Meeting No. 17

Thursday, February 14, 2008

ORDER OF THE DAY:

Pursuant to Standing Order 108(2) and the motion adopted by the Committee on November 21 2007, the Committee resumed its study on Gender Budgets.

Pursuant to Standing Order 108(2) and the motion adopted by the Committee on Thursday, February 14, 2008, the Committee commenced its study of Aboriginal Women's Shelters.

Pursuant to Standing Order 108(2) and the motion adopted by the Committee on Thursday, February 14, 2008, the Committee commenced its study of Aboriginal Women.

MEMBERS OF THE COMMITTEE PRESENT:

Sylvie Boucher,
Patricia Davidson,
Nicole Demers,
Johanne Deschamps,
Nina Grewal,
Irene Mathysen,
Hon. Maria Minna,
Hon. Anita Neville,
Glen Douglas Pearson,
Yasmin Ratansi
and Bruce Stanton.

ACTING MEMBERS PRESENT:

James Rajotte for Inky Mark.

IN ATTENDANCE:

Library of Parliament:

Shahrzad Mobasher Fard, Analyst;
Clara Morgan, Analyst;
Karine Richer, Analyst.

WITNESSES:

Status of Women Canada:

Michèle Bougie, Senior Policy and Program Analyst;
Hélène Dwyer-Renaud, Director, Gender-Based Analysis and
Accountability Directorate.

Danielle Bélisle
Clerk of the Committee

 Close

MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS

Meeting No. 17

Thursday, February 14, 2008

The Standing Committee on the Status of Women met at 9:04 a.m. this day, in Room 209, West Block, the Chair, Yasmin Ratansi, presiding.

Members of the Committee present: Sylvie Boucher, Patricia Davidson, Nicole Demers, Johanne Deschamps, Nina Grewal, Irene Mathyssen, Hon. Maria Minna, Hon. Anita Neville, Glen Douglas Pearson, Yasmin Ratansi and Bruce Stanton.

Acting Members present: James Rajotte for Inky Mark.

In attendance: Library of Parliament: Shahrzad Mobasher Fard, Analyst; Clara Morgan, Analyst; Karine Richer, Analyst.

Witnesses: Status of Women Canada: Michèle Bougie, Senior Policy and Program Analyst; Hélène Dwyer-Renaud, Director, Gender-Based Analysis.

Pursuant to Standing Order 108(2) and the motion adopted by the Committee on November 21 2007, the Committee resumed its study on Gender Budgets.

The witnesses made statements and answered questions.

At 10:46 a.m., the sitting was suspended.

At 10:47 a.m., the sitting resumed.

Pursuant to Standing Order 108(2) and the motion adopted by the Committee on Thursday, February 14, 2008, the Committee commenced its study of Aboriginal Women's Shelters.

Nicole Demers moved, — That, the Standing Committee on the Status of Women requests the Minister for the Status of Women and the Minister for Indian Affairs: to increase recurrent core funding for Aboriginal women's shelters, as is already the case for shelters in Quebec; to put a stop to the delays in the evaluation of aboriginal women's shelters, scheduled for March and, that the adoption of this motion be reported to the House.

Debate arose thereon.

After debate, the question was put on the motion and it was agreed to, by a show of hands: YEAS: 10; NAYS: 0.

Pursuant to Standing Order 108(2) and the motion adopted by the Committee on Thursday, February 14, 2008, the Committee commenced its study of Aboriginal Women.

Nicole Demers moved, — That, the Standing Committee on the Status of Women requests the Minister for the Status of Women: to reinstate the former criteria for the Women's Program, because many

advocacy groups, including Femmes autochtones du Québec, are penalized under the new criteria; to have the criteria clarified and the government's approach modified so that Aboriginal women's organizations can benefit from Status of Women Canada funding and, that the adoption of this motion be reported to the House.

Debate arose thereon.

After debate, the question was put on the motion and it was agreed to on the following recorded division: YEAS: Nicole Demers, Johanne Deschamps, Irene Mathyssen, Maria Minna, Anita Neville, Glen Douglas Pearson — 6; NAYS: Sylvie Boucher, Patricia Davidson, Nina Grewal, Bruce Stanton — 4.

At 11:01 a.m., the Committee adjourned to the call of the Chair.

Danielle Bélisle
Clerk of the Committee

2008/02/15 3:16 p.m.

HOUSE OF COMMONS OF CANADA
39th PARLIAMENT, 2nd SESSION

MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS
STANDING COMMITTEE ON THE STATUS OF WOMEN

Chair: Yasmin Ratansi.

Meeting No. 18

Tuesday, February 26, 2008

ORDER OF THE DAY:

The Committee proceeded to the consideration of matters related to Committee business.

Pursuant to Standing Order 108(2) and the motion adopted by the Committee on November 21 2007, the Committee resumed its study on Gender Budgets.

The Committee proceeded to the consideration of matters related to Committee business.

MEMBERS OF THE COMMITTEE PRESENT:

Sylvie Boucher,
Patricia Davidson,
Johanne Deschamps,
Nina Grewal,
Irene Mathyssen,
Hon. Maria Minna,
Glen Douglas Pearson,
Yasmin Ratansi
and Bruce Stanton.

ACTING MEMBERS PRESENT:

Carole Lavallée for Nicole Demers,
and Hon. Geoff Regan for Hon. Anita Neville.

IN ATTENDANCE:

Library of Parliament:

Shahrzad Mobasher Fard, Analyst;
Clara Morgan, Analyst.

WITNESSES:

Status of Women Canada:

Michèle Bougie, Senior Policy and Program Analyst;
Hélène Dwyer-Renaud, Director, Gender-Based Analysis and
Accountability Directorate.

Danielle Bélisle
Clerk of the Committee

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Close

MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS

Meeting No. 18

Tuesday, February 26, 2008

The Standing Committee on the Status of Women met at 9:20 a.m. this day, in Room 306, West Block, the Chair, Yasmin Ratansi, presiding.

Members of the Committee present: Sylvie Boucher, Patricia Davidson, Johanne Deschamps, Nina Grewal, Irene Mathyssen, Hon. Maria Minna, Glen Douglas Pearson, Yasmin Ratansi and Bruce Stanton.

Acting Members present: Carole Lavallée for Nicole Demers and Hon. Geoff Regan for Hon. Anita Neville.

In attendance: Library of Parliament: Shahrzad Mobasher Fard, Analyst; Clara Morgan, Analyst.

Witnesses: Status of Women Canada: Michèle Bougie, Senior Policy and Program Analyst; Hélène Dwyer-Renaud, Director, Gender-Based Analysis and Accountability Directorate.

The Committee proceeded to the consideration of matters related to Committee business.

On motion of Irene Mathyssen, it was agreed, — That the Standing Committee on the Status of Women jointly with the Standing Committee on Finance conduct pre-budget consultations with groups and individuals able to direct the government to ensure that the budget does include gender-based budgeting and reflect the needs of women; and that the Standing Committee on the Status of Women conduct a post budget review with contracting experts under the supervision of the Library of Parliament to assess how the budget addresses the needs of women; and that these consultations be reported to the House of Commons.

Pursuant to Standing Order 108(2) and the motion adopted by the Committee on November 21 2007, the Committee resumed its study on Gender Budgets.

Michèle Bougie and Hélène Dwyer-Renaud answered questions.

At 10:52 a.m., the sitting was suspended.

At 10:53 a.m., the sitting resumed.

The Committee proceeded to the consideration of matters related to Committee business.

At 11:00 a.m., the Committee adjourned to the call of the Chair.

Danielle Bélisle
Clerk of the Committee

2008/02/28 12:05 p.m.

HOUSE OF COMMONS OF CANADA
39th PARLIAMENT, 2nd SESSION

MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS

STANDING COMMITTEE ON THE STATUS OF WOMEN

Chair: Yasmin Ratansi.

Meeting No. 19

Thursday, February 28, 2008

ORDER OF THE DAY:

Pursuant to Standing Order 108(2) and the motion adopted by the Committee on November 21 2007, the Committee resumed its study on Gender Budgets.

Pursuant to Standing Order 108(2) and the motion adopted by the Committee on Thursday, February 28, 2008, the Committee commenced its study of Women's Ski Jumping at the 2010 Olympic Games.

MEMBERS OF THE COMMITTEE PRESENT:

Sylvie Boucher,
Patricia Davidson,
Nicole Demers,
Johanne Deschamps,
Nina Grewal,
Irene Mathysen,
Hon. Maria Minna,
Hon. Anita Neville,
Glen Douglas Pearson,
Yasmin Ratansi
and Bruce Stanton.

IN ATTENDANCE:

Library of Parliament:
Shahrazad Mobasher Fard, Analyst;
Clara Morgan, Analyst.

WITNESSES:

University of British Columbia:

Claire Young, Senior Associate Dean and Professor, Faculty of Law.

University of Victoria:

David Good, Professor, School of Public Administration.

Danielle Bélisle
Clerk of the Committee

Français

Close

MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS

Meeting No. 19

Thursday, February 28, 2008

The Standing Committee on the Status of Women met by videoconference at 9:04 a.m. this day, in Room 536, Wellington Building, the Chair, Yasmin Ratansi, presiding.

Members of the Committee present: Sylvie Boucher, Patricia Davidson, Nicole Demers, Johanne Deschamps, Nina Grewal, Irene Mathyssen, Hon. Maria Minna, Hon. Anita Neville, Glen Douglas Pearson, Yasmin Ratansi and Bruce Stanton.

In attendance: Library of Parliament: Shahrzad Mobasher Fard, Analyst; Clara Morgan, Analyst.

Witnesses: University of British Columbia: Claire Young, Senior Associate Dean and Professor, Faculty of Law. *University of Victoria:* David Good, Professor, School of Public Administration.

Pursuant to Standing Order 108(2) and the motion adopted by the Committee on November 21 2007, the Committee resumed its study on Gender Budgets.

The witnesses made statements and answered questions.

At 10:58 a.m., the sitting was suspended.

At 10:59 a.m., the sitting resumed.

The Committee proceeded to the consideration of matters related to Committee business.

On motion of Irene Mathyssen, it was agreed, — That, the International Olympic Committee should recognize and include women's ski jumping as an event at the 2010 Vancouver-Whistler Olympic Games and; the government should encourage the International Olympic Committee to do so.

At 11:02 a.m., the Committee adjourned to the call of the Chair.

Danielle Bélisle
Clerk of the Committee

2008/03/07 2:49 p.m.

HOUSE OF COMMONS OF CANADA
39th PARLIAMENT, 2nd SESSION

MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS

STANDING COMMITTEE ON THE STATUS OF WOMEN

Chair: Yasmin Ratansi.

Meeting No. 20

Tuesday, March 4, 2008

ORDER OF THE DAY:

Pursuant to Standing Order 108(2) and the motion adopted by the Committee on November 21 2007, the Committee resumed its study on Gender Budgets.

MEMBERS OF THE COMMITTEE PRESENT:

Sylvie Boucher,
Patricia Davidson,
Nicole Demers,
Johanne Deschamps,
Nina Grewal,
Irene Mathysen,
Hon. Maria Minna,
Hon. Anita Neville,
Glen Douglas Pearson,
Yasmin Ratansi
and Bruce Stanton.

IN ATTENDANCE:

Library of Parliament:

Shahrazad Mobasher Fard, Analyst;
Clara Morgan, Analyst;
Karine Richer, Analyst.

House of Commons:

Erica Pereira, Committee Clerk.

WITNESSES:

Privy Council Office:

Anita Biguzs, Assistant Secretary to Cabinet, Operations
Secretariat.

Treasury Board Secretariat:

Joe Wild, Executive Director, Strategic Policy.

Danielle Bélisle
Clerk of the Committee

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Close

MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS

Meeting No. 20

Tuesday, March 4, 2008

The Standing Committee on the Status of Women met at 9:01 a.m. this day, in Room 209, West Block, the Chair, Yasmin Ratansi, presiding.

Members of the Committee present: Sylvie Boucher, Patricia Davidson, Nicole Demers, Johanne Deschamps, Nina Grewal, Irene Mathyssen, Hon. Maria Minna, Hon. Anita Neville, Glen Douglas Pearson, Yasmin Ratansi and Bruce Stanton.

In attendance: Library of Parliament: Shahrzad Mobasher Fard, Analyst; Clara Morgan, Analyst; Karine Richer, Analyst. *House of Commons:* Erica Pereira, Committee Clerk.

Witnesses: Privy Council Office: Anita Biguzs, Assistant Secretary to Cabinet, Operations Secretariat. *Treasury Board Secretariat:* Joe Wild, Executive Director, Strategic Policy.

Pursuant to Standing Order 108(2) and the motion adopted by the Committee on November 21 2007, the Committee resumed its study on Gender Budgets.

The witnesses made statements and answered questions.

At 10:01 a.m., Patricia Davidson Vice-Chair, took the Chair.

At 10:51 a.m., the Committee adjourned to the call of the Chair.

Danielle Bélisle
Clerk of the Committee

2008/03/07 2:49 p.m.

HOUSE OF COMMONS OF CANADA
39th PARLIAMENT, 2nd SESSION

MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS

STANDING COMMITTEE ON THE STATUS OF WOMEN

Chair: Yasmin Ratansi.

Meeting No. 21

Thursday, March 6, 2008

ORDER OF THE DAY:

Pursuant to Standing Order 108(2) and the motion adopted by the Committee on November 21, 2007, the Committee resumed its study on Gender Budgets.

The Committee proceeded to the consideration of matters related to Committee business.

MEMBERS OF THE COMMITTEE PRESENT:

Sylvie Boucher,
Patricia Davidson,
Nicole Demers,
Johanne Deschamps,
Nina Grewal,
Irene Mathysen,
Glen Douglas Pearson,
Yasmin Ratansi
and Bruce Stanton.

ACTING MEMBERS PRESENT:

Vivian Barbot for Johanne Deschamps,
Bonnie Brown for Hon. Anita Neville,
and Brian Murphy for Hon. Maria Minna.

IN ATTENDANCE:

Library of Parliament:

Shahrzad Mobasher Fard, Analyst;
Clara Morgan, Analyst;
Karine Richer, Analyst.

House of Commons:

Erica Pereira, Committee Clerk.

WITNESSES:

Privy Council Office:

Anita Biguzs, Assistant Secretary to Cabinet, Operations
Secretariat.

Treasury Board Secretariat:

Joe Wild, Executive Director, Strategic Policy.

Danielle Bélisle
Clerk of the Committee

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Close

MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS

Meeting No. 21

Thursday, March 6, 2008

The Standing Committee on the Status of Women met at 9:04 a.m. this day, in Room 209, West Block, the Chair, Yasmin Ratansi, presiding.

Members of the Committee present: Sylvie Boucher, Patricia Davidson, Nicole Demers, Johanne Deschamps, Nina Grewal, Irene Mathysen, Glen Douglas Pearson, Yasmin Ratansi and Bruce Stanton.

Acting Members present: Vivian Barbot for Johanne Deschamps, Bonnie Brown for Hon. Anita Neville and Brian Murphy for Hon. Maria Minna.

In attendance: Library of Parliament: Shahrzad Mobasher Fard, Analyst; Clara Morgan, Analyst; Karine Richer, Analyst. *House of Commons:* Erica Pereira, Committee Clerk.

Witnesses: Privy Council Office: Anita Biguzs, Assistant Secretary to Cabinet, Operations Secretariat. *Treasury Board Secretariat:* Joe Wild, Executive Director, Strategic Policy.

Pursuant to Standing Order 108(2) and the motion adopted by the Committee on November 21 2007, the Committee resumed its study on Gender Budgets.

The witnesses answered questions.

At 10:57 a.m., the Committee proceeded to the consideration of matters related to Committee business.

At 10:59 a.m., the Committee adjourned to the call of the Chair.

Danielle Bélisle
Clerk of the Committee

2008/03/06 11:50 a.m.

HOUSE OF COMMONS OF CANADA
39th PARLIAMENT, 2nd SESSION

MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS
STANDING COMMITTEE ON THE STATUS OF WOMEN

Chair: Yasmin Ratansi.

Meeting No. 22

Tuesday, March 11, 2008

ORDER OF THE DAY:

Pursuant to Standing Order 108(2) and the motion adopted by the Committee on November 21, 2007, the Committee resumed its study on Gender Budgets.

The Committee proceeded to the consideration of matters related to Committee business.

MEMBERS OF THE COMMITTEE PRESENT:

Sylvie Boucher,
Patricia Davidson,
Nicole Demers,
Johanne Deschamps,
Nina Grewal,
Irene Mathyssen,
Hon. Maria Minna,
Hon. Anita Neville,
Glen Douglas Pearson,
Yasmin Ratansi
and Bruce Stanton.

IN ATTENDANCE:

Library of Parliament:
Shahrazad Mobasher Fard, Analyst;
Karine Richer, Analyst;
Clara Morgan, Analyst.

WITNESSES:

Department of Finance:

Louise Levonian, General Director, Senior Assistant Deputy
Minister's Office, Tax Policy Branch;

Mireille Éthier, Senior Chief, Federal-Provincial Taxation Section

;

Baxter Williams, Director, Personal Income Tax Division, Tax
Policy Branch.

Louise Levonian made a statement and, with Mireille Éthier and Baxter Williams,
answered questions.

Erica Pereira
Committee Clerk



MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS

Meeting No. 22

Tuesday, March 11, 2008

The Standing Committee on the Status of Women met at 9:00 a.m. this day, in Room 308, West Block, the Chair, Yasmin Ratansi, presiding.

Members of the Committee present: Sylvie Boucher, Patricia Davidson, Nicole Demers, Johanne Deschamps, Nina Grewal, Irene Mathysen, Hon. Maria Minna, Hon. Anita Neville, Glen Douglas Pearson, Yasmin Ratansi and Bruce Stanton.

In attendance: Library of Parliament: Shahrzad Mobasher Fard, Analyst; Karine Richer, Analyst; Clara Morgan, Analyst.

Witnesses: Department of Finance: Louise Levonian, General Director, Senior Assistant Deputy Minister's Office, Tax Policy Branch; Mireille Éthier, Senior Chief, Federal-Provincial Taxation Section ; Baxter Williams, Director, Personal Income Tax Division, Tax Policy Branch.

Pursuant to Standing Order 108(2) and the motion adopted by the Committee on November 21 2007, the Committee resumed its study on Gender Budgets.

Louise Levonian made a statement and, with Mireille Éthier and Baxter Williams, answered questions.

At 10:55 a.m., the sitting was suspended.

At 10:56 a.m., the sitting resumed.

The Committee proceeded to the consideration of matters related to Committee business.

Nicole Demers moved, — That, all the women of the Standing Committee on the Status of Women request the support of the women of their respective Caucus, to denounce the bill C-484 and the dramatic consequences which it could have on the women of Quebec and Canada.

Debate arose thereon.

At 11:00 a.m., the Committee adjourned to the call of the Chair.

Erica Pereira
Committee Clerk

2008/03/11 2:57 p.m.

HOUSE OF COMMONS OF CANADA
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MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS
STANDING COMMITTEE ON THE STATUS OF WOMEN

Chair: Yasmin Ratansi.

Meeting No. 23

Thursday, March 13, 2008

ORDER OF THE DAY:

The Committee proceeded to the consideration of matters related to Committee business.

Pursuant to Standing Order 108(2) and the motion adopted by the Committee on November 21, 2007, the Committee resumed its study on Gender Budgets.

MEMBERS OF THE COMMITTEE PRESENT:

Sylvie Boucher,
Patricia Davidson,
Nicole Demers,
Johanne Deschamps,
Nina Grewal,
Irene Mathysen,
Hon. Maria Minna,
Hon. Anita Neville,
Glen Douglas Pearson,
Yasmin Ratansi
and Bruce Stanton.

IN ATTENDANCE:

Library of Parliament:
Shahrazad Mobasher Fard, Analyst;
Clara Morgan, Analyst;
Karine Richer, Analyst.

WITNESSES:

Queen's University:

Kathleen Lahey, Professor, Institute of Women's Studies.

Canadian Centre for Policy Alternatives:

Armine Yalnizyan, Senior Economist.

Canadian Feminist Alliance for International Action:

Nancy Peckford, Director of Programmes .

Erica Pereira
Committee Clerk

MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS

Meeting No. 23

Thursday, March 13, 2008

The Standing Committee on the Status of Women met at 9:01 a.m. this day, in Room 209, West Block, the Chair, Yasmin Ratansi, presiding.

Members of the Committee present: Sylvie Boucher, Patricia Davidson, Nicole Demers, Johanne Deschamps, Nina Grewal, Irene Mathysen, Hon. Maria Minna, Hon. Anita Neville, Glen Douglas Pearson, Yasmin Ratansi and Bruce Stanton.

In attendance: Library of Parliament: Shahrzad Mobasher Fard, Analyst; Clara Morgan, Analyst; Karine Richer, Analyst.

Witnesses: Queen's University: Kathleen Lahey, Professor, Institute of Women's Studies. *Canadian Centre for Policy Alternatives:* Armine Yalnizyan, Senior Economist. *Canadian Feminist Alliance for International Action:* Nancy Peckford, Director of Programmes .

The Committee proceeded to the consideration of matters related to Committee business.

The Committee resumed consideration of the motion of Nicole Demers, — That all the women of the Standing Committee on the Status of Women request the support of the women of their respective Caucus, to denounce the bill C-484 and the dramatic consequences which it could have on the women of Quebec and Canada.

The debate continued.

On motion of Bruce Stanton, it was agreed, — That the motion be amended by replacing the words “the women” with the word “members”, by deleting the words “of the women”, and by replacing the word “denounce” with the word “reconsider”.

The question was put on the motion and it was agreed to on the following recorded division: YEAS: Sylvie Boucher, Patricia Davidson, Nicole Demers, Johanne Deschamps, Nina Grewal, Irene Mathysen, Maria Minna, Anita Neville, Glen Douglas Pearson, Bruce Stanton — 10; NAYS: — 0.

The motion, as amended, read as follows:

That all members of the Standing Committee on the Status of Women request the support of their respective Caucus, to reconsider the bill C-484 and the dramatic consequences which it could have on the women of Quebec and Canada.

Pursuant to Standing Order 108(2) and the motion adopted by the Committee on November 21, 2007, the Committee resumed its study on Gender Budgets.

The witnesses made statements and answered questions.

At 11:00 a.m., the Committee adjourned to the call of the Chair.

Erica Pereira
Committee Clerk

2008/03/14 11:04 a.m.

HOUSE OF COMMONS OF CANADA
39th PARLIAMENT, 2nd SESSION

MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS
STANDING COMMITTEE ON THE STATUS OF WOMEN

Chair: Yasmin Ratansi.

Meeting No. 24

Tuesday, April 1, 2008

ORDER OF THE DAY:

Pursuant to Standing Order 108(2) and the motion adopted by the Committee on November 21, 2007, the Committee resumed its study on Gender Budgets.

MEMBERS OF THE COMMITTEE PRESENT:

Sylvie Boucher,
Patricia Davidson,
Nicole Demers,
Irene Mathysen,
Hon. Maria Minna,
Hon. Anita Neville,
Glen Douglas Pearson,
Yasmin Ratansi
and Bruce Stanton.

ACTING MEMBERS PRESENT:

Denis Lebel for Nina Grewal,
and Pauline Picard for Johanne Deschamps.

IN ATTENDANCE:

Library of Parliament:
Shahrazad Mobasher Fard, Analyst;
Clara Morgan, Analyst;
Karine Richer, Analyst.

WITNESSES:

Queen's University:

Kathleen Lahey, Professor, Institute of Women's Studies.

Canadian Feminist Alliance for International Action:

Nancy Peckford, Director of Programmes .

Canadian Centre for Policy Alternatives:

Armine Yalnizyan, Senior Economist.

Erica Pereira
Committee Clerk

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Close

MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS

Meeting No. 24

Tuesday, April 1, 2008

The Standing Committee on the Status of Women met at 9:02 a.m. this day, in Room 209, West Block, the Chair, Yasmin Ratansi, presiding.

Members of the Committee present: Sylvie Boucher, Patricia Davidson, Nicole Demers, Irene Mathysen, Hon. Maria Minna, Hon. Anita Neville, Glen Douglas Pearson, Yasmin Ratansi and Bruce Stanton.

Acting Members present: Denis Lebel for Nina Grewal and Pauline Picard for Johanne Deschamps.

In attendance: Library of Parliament: Shahrzad Mobasher Fard, Analyst; Clara Morgan, Analyst; Karine Richer, Analyst.

Witnesses: Queen's University: Kathleen Lahey, Professor, Institute of Women's Studies. *Canadian Feminist Alliance for International Action:* Nancy Peckford, Director of Programmes. *Canadian Centre for Policy Alternatives:* Armine Yalnizyan, Senior Economist.

Pursuant to Standing Order 108(2) and the motion adopted by the Committee on November 21, 2007, the Committee resumed its study on Gender Budgets.

The witnesses made statements and answered questions.

At 10:58 a.m., the Committee adjourned to the call of the Chair.

Erica Pereira
Committee Clerk

2008/04/01 11:22 a.m.

HOUSE OF COMMONS OF CANADA
39th PARLIAMENT, 2nd SESSION

MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS
STANDING COMMITTEE ON THE STATUS OF WOMEN

Chair: Yasmin Ratansi.

Meeting No. 25

Thursday, April 3, 2008

ORDER OF THE DAY:

Pursuant to Standing Order 108(2) and the motion adopted by the Committee on November 21, 2007, the Committee resumed its study on Gender Budgets.

The Committee proceeded to the consideration of matters related to Committee business.

MEMBERS OF THE COMMITTEE PRESENT:

Sylvie Boucher,
Patricia Davidson,
Nicole Demers,
Johanne Deschamps,
Irene Mathysen,
Hon. Maria Minna,
Hon. Anita Neville,
Glen Douglas Pearson,
Yasmin Ratansi
and Bruce Stanton.

ACTING MEMBERS PRESENT:

Mike Wallace for Nina Grewal.

IN ATTENDANCE:

Library of Parliament:

Shahrzad Mobasher Fard, Analyst;
Clara Morgan, Analyst;
Karine Richer, Analyst.

WITNESSES:

Glasgow Caledonian University:
Ailsa McKay, Professor of Economics.

Scottish Women's Budget Group:
Angela O'Hagan, Convenor.

City University of New York:
Marilyn Rubin, Professor of Public Administration and
Economics, John Jay College of Criminal Justice.

UK Women's Budget Group:
Janet Veitch, Co-Chair.

Erica Pereira
Committee Clerk

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MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS

Meeting No. 25

Thursday, April 3, 2008

The Standing Committee on the Status of Women met by videoconference at 9:01 a.m. this day, in Room 253-D, Centre Block, the Chair, Yasmin Ratansi, presiding.

Members of the Committee present: Sylvie Boucher, Patricia Davidson, Nicole Demers, Johanne Deschamps, Irene Mathyssen, Hon. Maria Minna, Hon. Anita Neville, Glen Douglas Pearson, Yasmin Ratansi and Bruce Stanton.

Acting Members present: Mike Wallace for Nina Grewal.

In attendance: Library of Parliament: Shahrzad Mobasher Fard, Analyst; Clara Morgan, Analyst; Karine Richer, Analyst.

Witnesses: Glasgow Caledonian University: Ailsa McKay, Professor of Economics. *Scottish Women's Budget Group:* Angela O'Hagan, Convenor. *City University of New York:* Marilyn Rubin, Professor of Public Administration and Economics, John Jay College of Criminal Justice. *UK Women's Budget Group:* Janet Veitch, Co-Chair.

Pursuant to Standing Order 108(2) and the motion adopted by the Committee on November 21, 2007, the Committee resumed its study on Gender Budgets.

Ailsa McKay and Angela O'Hagan made statements and answered questions.

Marilyn Rubin and Janet Veitch made statements and answered questions.

At 10:24 a.m., the Vice-Chair, Irene Mathyssen took the Chair.

At 10:26 a.m., the Chair, Yasmin Ratansi, took the Chair.

At 10:58 a.m., the sitting was suspended.

At 10:58 a.m., the sitting resumed.

The Committee proceeded to the consideration of matters related to Committee business.

Nicole Demers moved, — That the Standing Committee on the Status of Women inform the Standing Committee on Justice of its formal opposition towards Bill C-484, An Act to amend the Criminal Code (injuring or causing the death of an unborn child while committing an offence), which questions the rights of women to abortion.

Debate arose thereon.

Mike Wallace moved, — That the motion be amended by replacing the words “formal opposition towards” with the words “major concerns with”.

Debate arose thereon.

The question was put on the amendment of Mike Wallace and it was negatived.

The question was put on the motion and it was agreed to on the following recorded division: YEAS: Nicole Demers, Johanne Deschamps, Irene Mathyssen, Maria Minna, Anita Neville, Glen Douglas Pearson, Bruce Stanton — 7; NAYS: Sylvie Boucher, Patricia Davidson, Mike Wallace — 3.

At 11:09 a.m., the Committee adjourned to the call of the Chair.

Erica Pereira
Committee Clerk

2008/04/11 11:50 a.m.

HOUSE OF COMMONS OF CANADA
39th PARLIAMENT, 2nd SESSION

MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS
STANDING COMMITTEE ON THE STATUS OF WOMEN

Chair: Yasmin Ratansi.

Meeting No. 26

Tuesday, April 8, 2008

ORDER OF THE DAY:

Pursuant to Standing Order 108(2) and the motion adopted by the Committee on November 21, 2007, the Committee resumed its study on Gender Budgets.

MEMBERS OF THE COMMITTEE PRESENT:

Sylvie Boucher,
Patricia Davidson,
Nicole Demers,
Johanne Deschamps,
Irene Mathysen,
Hon. Maria Minna,
Glen Douglas Pearson,
Yasmin Ratansi
and Bruce Stanton.

ACTING MEMBERS PRESENT:

Hon. Sue Barnes for Hon. Anita Neville.

IN ATTENDANCE:

Library of Parliament:
Shahrazad Mobasher Fard, Analyst;
Clara Morgan, Analyst;
Karine Richer, Analyst.

WITNESSES:

Imagine Canada:

Georgina Steinsky-Schwartz, President and Chief Executive Officer .

As an Individual:

Dorienne Rowan-Campbell, Independent Development Consultant and Gender Consultant.

Laval University:

Louise Langevin, Professor of Law.

Department of Citizenship and Immigration:

Peter Oberle, Director General, Corporate Affairs;
Allison Little Fortin, Director, Corporate Planning and Reporting;
Jeff Daly, Manager, Program Development and Analysis Unit,
Resettlement Division, Refugees Branch;
Julie Fontaine, Senior Analyst, Gender-Based Analysis.

Peter Oberle made a statement and, with the other witnesses, answered questions.

Erica Pereira
Committee Clerk

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MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS

Meeting No. 26

Tuesday, April 8, 2008

The Standing Committee on the Status of Women met by videoconference at 9:00 a.m. this day, in Room 308, West Block, the Chair, Yasmin Ratansi, presiding.

Members of the Committee present: Sylvie Boucher, Patricia Davidson, Nicole Demers, Johanne Deschamps, Irene Mathysen, Hon. Maria Minna, Glen Douglas Pearson, Yasmin Ratansi and Bruce Stanton.

Acting Members present: Hon. Sue Barnes for Hon. Anita Neville.

In attendance: Library of Parliament: Shahrzad Mobasher Fard, Analyst; Clara Morgan, Analyst; Karine Richer, Analyst.

Witnesses: Imagine Canada: Georgina Steinsky-Schwartz, President and Chief Executive Officer . *As an individual:* Doriennne Rowan-Campbell, Independent Development Consultant and Gender Consultant. *Laval University:* Louise Langevin, Professor of Law. *Department of Citizenship and Immigration:* Peter Oberle, Director General, Corporate Affairs; Allison Little Fortin, Director, Corporate Planning and Reporting; Jeff Daly, Manager, Program Development and Analysis Unit, Resettlement Division, Refugees Branch; Julie Fontaine, Senior Analyst, Gender-Based Analysis.

Pursuant to Standing Order 108(2) and the motion adopted by the Committee on November 21, 2007, the Committee resumed its study on Gender Budgets.

Georgina Steinsky-Schwartz, Doriennne Rowan-Campbell and Louise Langevin made statements and answered questions.

At 10:04 a.m., the sitting was suspended.

At 10:09 a.m., the sitting resumed.

Peter Oberle made a statement and, with the other witnesses, answered questions.

At 10:59 a.m., the Committee adjourned to the call of the Chair.

Erica Pereira
Committee Clerk

2008/04/09 12:14 p.m.

HOUSE OF COMMONS OF CANADA
39th PARLIAMENT, 2nd SESSION

MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS
STANDING COMMITTEE ON THE STATUS OF WOMEN

Chair: Yasmin Ratansi.

Meeting No. 27

Thursday, April 10, 2008

ORDER OF THE DAY:

Pursuant to Standing Order 108(2) and the motion adopted by the Committee on November 21, 2007, the Committee resumed its study on Gender Budgets.

The Committee proceeded to the consideration of matters related to Committee business.

MEMBERS OF THE COMMITTEE PRESENT:

Sylvie Boucher,
Patricia Davidson,
Nicole Demers,
Johanne Deschamps,
Irene Mathysen,
Hon. Maria Minna,
Hon. Anita Neville,
Glen Douglas Pearson,
Yasmin Ratansi
and Bruce Stanton.

ACTING MEMBERS PRESENT:

Nancy Karetak-Lindell for Hon. Anita Neville.

IN ATTENDANCE:

Library of Parliament:

Shahrzad Mobasher Fard, Analyst;
Clara Morgan, Analyst;
Karine Richer, Analyst.

WITNESSES:

Office of the Auditor General of Canada:

Sheila Fraser, Auditor General of Canada;
Anne Marie Smith, Deputy Legal Advisor.

Assembly of First Nations:

Kathleen McHugh, Chair, Assembly of First Nations Women's
Council;
Marie Frawley-Henry, Senior Policy Analyst.

Kathleen McHugh made a statement and, with Marie Frawley-Henry, answered questions.

Erica Pereira
Committee Clerk

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MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS

Meeting No. 27

Thursday, April 10, 2008

The Standing Committee on the Status of Women met at 9:04 a.m. this day, in Room 308, West Block, the Chair, Yasmin Ratansi, presiding.

Members of the Committee present: Sylvie Boucher, Patricia Davidson, Nicole Demers, Johanne Deschamps, Irene Mathysen, Hon. Maria Minna, Hon. Anita Neville, Glen Douglas Pearson, Yasmin Ratansi and Bruce Stanton.

Acting Members present: Nancy Karetak-Lindell for Hon. Anita Neville.

Hon. Nancy Ruth, Senator

In attendance: Library of Parliament: Shahrzad Mobasher Fard, Analyst; Clara Morgan, Analyst; Karine Richer, Analyst.

Witnesses: Office of the Auditor General of Canada: Sheila Fraser, Auditor General of Canada; Anne Marie Smith, Deputy Legal Advisor. *Assembly of First Nations:* Kathleen McHugh, Chair, Assembly of First Nations Women's Council; Marie Frawley-Henry, Senior Policy Analyst.

Pursuant to Standing Order 108(2) and the motion adopted by the Committee on November 21, 2007, the Committee resumed its study on Gender Budgets.

Sheila Fraser made a statement and answered questions.

At 10:03 a.m., the sitting was suspended.

At 10:04 a.m., the sitting resumed.

Kathleen McHugh made a statement and, with Marie Frawley-Henry, answered questions.

At 10:38 a.m., the sitting was suspended.

At 10:40 a.m., the sitting resumed.

At 10:40 a.m., Patricia Davidson, Vice-Chair, took the Chair.

The Committee proceeded to the consideration of matters related to Committee business.

Maria Minna moved, — That, the government appoint an independent commissioner for gender budgeting analysis immediately to conduct a gender based analysis of the budgetary policies of the government, and that the Chair report the adoption of this motion to the House without delay.

Debate arose thereon.

Glen Douglas Pearson moved, — That the motion be amended by replacing the words “of the budgetary policies of the government” with the words “of governmental policies, including budget policies”.

Debate arose thereon.

After debate, the question was put on the amendment of Glen Douglas Pearson and it was agreed to.

The Committee resumed consideration of the motion, as amended, of Maria Minna, — That, the government appoint an independent commissioner for gender budgeting analysis immediately to conduct a gender based analysis of the budgetary policies of the government, and that the Chair report the adoption of this motion to the House without delay.

The debate continued.

Nicole Demers moved, — That consideration of the motion be postponed until the next Committee meeting.

Maria Minna moved, — That, the government introduce gender analysis legislation as recommended in the 2005 final report by The Expert Panel on Accountability Mechanisms for Gender Equality, entitled “Equality for Women: Beyond the Illusion”, and that the Chair report the adoption of this motion to the House without delay.

Debate arose thereon.

The question was put on the motion and it was agreed to, by a show of hands: YEAS: 6; NAYS: 2.

It was agreed, — That the Committee be authorized to purchase gifts to be presented to foreign hosts and visiting delegations.

At 11:01 a.m., the Committee adjourned to the call of the Chair.

Erica Pereira
Committee Clerk

2008/04/18 1:04 p.m.

HOUSE OF COMMONS OF CANADA
39th PARLIAMENT, 2nd SESSION

MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS
STANDING COMMITTEE ON THE STATUS OF WOMEN

Chair: Yasmin Ratansi.

Meeting No. 28

Tuesday, April 15, 2008

ORDER OF THE DAY:

Pursuant to Standing Order 108(2) and the motion adopted by the Committee on November 21, 2007, the Committee resumed its study on Gender Budgets.

The Committee proceeded to the consideration of matters related to Committee business.

MEMBERS OF THE COMMITTEE PRESENT:

Sylvie Boucher,
Patricia Davidson,
Nicole Demers,
Johanne Deschamps,
Nina Grewal,
Irene Mathyssen,
Hon. Maria Minna,
Hon. Anita Neville,
Glen Douglas Pearson,
Yasmin Ratansi
and Bruce Stanton.

ASSOCIATE MEMBERS PRESENT:

Luc Harvey.

IN ATTENDANCE:

Library of Parliament:

Shahrzad Mobasher Fard, Analyst;
Clara Morgan, Analyst;
Karine Richer, Analyst.

WITNESSES:

Department of Finance:

Robert Wright, Deputy Minister;
Louise Levonian, General Director, Senior Assistant Deputy
Minister's Office, Tax Policy Branch;
Mireille Éthier, Senior Chief, Federal-Provincial Taxation Section.

Queen's University:

Kathleen Lahey, Professor, Institute of Women's Studies.

Canadian Feminist Alliance for International Action:

Nancy Peckford, Director of Programmes.

Canadian Centre for Policy Alternatives:

Armine Yalnizyan, Senior Economist.

Robert Wright made a statement and, with Louise Levonian, answered questions.

Erica Pereira
Committee Clerk

MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS

Meeting No. 28

Tuesday, April 15, 2008

The Standing Committee on the Status of Women met at 8:29 a.m. this day, in Room 308, West Block, the Chair, Yasmin Ratansi, presiding.

Members of the Committee present: Sylvie Boucher, Patricia Davidson, Nicole Demers, Johanne Deschamps, Nina Grewal, Irene Mathysen, Hon. Maria Minna, Hon. Anita Neville, Glen Douglas Pearson, Yasmin Ratansi and Bruce Stanton.

Associate Members present: Luc Harvey.

Hon. Nancy Ruth, Senator

In attendance: Library of Parliament: Shahrzad Mobasher Fard, Analyst; Clara Morgan, Analyst; Karine Richer, Analyst.

Witnesses: Department of Finance: Robert Wright, Deputy Minister; Louise Levonian, General Director, Senior Assistant Deputy Minister's Office, Tax Policy Branch; Mireille Éthier, Senior Chief, Federal-Provincial Taxation Section. *Queen's University:* Kathleen Lahey, Professor, Institute of Women's Studies. *Canadian Feminist Alliance for International Action:* Nancy Peckford, Director of Programmes. *Canadian Centre for Policy Alternatives:* Armine Yalnizyan, Senior Economist.

Pursuant to Standing Order 108(2) and the motion adopted by the Committee on November 21, 2007, the Committee resumed its study on Gender Budgets.

Robert Wright made a statement and, with Louise Levonian, answered questions.

At 9:24 a.m., the sitting was suspended.

At 9:25 a.m., the sitting resumed.

Kathleen Lahey, Armine Yalnizyan and Nancy Peckford made statements and answered questions.

The Committee proceeded to the consideration of matters related to Committee business.

At 10:16 a.m., the sitting was suspended.

At 10:16 a.m., the sitting resumed.

The Committee resumed consideration of the motion, as amended, of Maria Minna, — That the government appoint an independent commissioner for gender budgeting analysis immediately to conduct a gender based analysis of governmental policies, including budget policies, and that the Chair report the adoption of this motion to the House without delay.

The question was put on the motion and it was agreed to, by a show of hands: YEAS: 6; NAYS: 4.

Irene Mathysen moved, — That the Auditor General conduct an audit to review Canada's implementation of gender-based analysis using "Setting the Stage for the Next Century: The Federal Plan for Gender Equality (1995)" as a guide, and report the adoption of this motion to the House of Commons without delay.

Patricia Davidson moved, — That the motion be amended by adding after the word "General" the following: ", taking into account all of the elements of Canada's framework for equality including the Convention on the Elimination of all Forms of Discrimination Against Women and Optional Protocol and the Canadian Charter of Rights and Freedom," and by adding after the word "guide," the following: "and review the last 7 years,".

Debate arose thereon.

After debate, the question was put on the amendment of Patricia Davidson and it was agreed to.

The Committee resumed consideration of the motion, as amended, of Irene Mathysen, — That the Auditor General, taking into account all of the elements of Canada's framework for equality including the Convention on the Elimination of all Forms of Discrimination Against Women and Optional Protocol and the Canadian Charter of Rights and Freedom, conduct an audit to review Canada's implementation of gender-based analysis using "Setting the Stage for the Next Century: The Federal Plan for Gender Equality (1995)" as a guide, and review the last 7 years, and report the adoption of this motion to the House of Commons without delay.

The debate continued.

It was agreed, — That consideration of the motion be postponed until the next Committee meeting.

At 10:32 a.m., the Committee adjourned to the call of the Chair.

Erica Pereira
Committee Clerk

2008/04/18 1:04 p.m.

HOUSE OF COMMONS OF CANADA
39th PARLIAMENT, 2nd SESSION

MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS
STANDING COMMITTEE ON THE STATUS OF WOMEN

Vice-Chair: Patricia Davidson.

Meeting No. 29

Thursday, April 17, 2008

ORDER OF THE DAY:

Pursuant to Standing Order 108(2) and the motion adopted by the Committee on November 21, 2007, the Committee resumed its study on Gender Budgets.

The Committee proceeded to the consideration of matters related to Committee business.

MEMBERS OF THE COMMITTEE PRESENT:

Sylvie Boucher,
Patricia Davidson,
Nicole Demers,
Johanne Deschamps,
Nina Grewal,
Irene Mathyssen,
Hon. Maria Minna,
Hon. Anita Neville,
Glen Douglas Pearson
and Bruce Stanton.

ACTING MEMBERS PRESENT:

Hon. Larry Bagnell for Yasmin Ratansi,
and Dave Van Kesteren for Inky Mark.

IN ATTENDANCE:

Library of Parliament:

Shahrzad Mobasher Fard, Analyst;
Clara Morgan, Analyst.

WITNESSES:

Status of Women Canada:

Suzanne Cooper, Research Analyst;
Hélène Dwyer-Renaud, Senior Advisor, Gender-based Analysis
Support Services.

Statistics Canada:

Heather Dryburgh, Chief of the General Social Survey, Social and
Aboriginal Statistics Division;
Louise Marmen, Assistant Director, Social and Aboriginal
Statistics Division.

As an Individual:

Sheila Regehr, Director, National Council of Welfare.

Heather Dryburgh, Sheila Regehr and Suzanne Cooper made statements and, with the other witnesses, answered questions.

Erica Pereira
Committee Clerk

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MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS

Meeting No. 29

Thursday, April 17, 2008

The Standing Committee on the Status of Women met at 9:01 a.m. this day, in Room 308, West Block, the Vice-Chair, Patricia Davidson, presiding.

Members of the Committee present: Sylvie Boucher, Patricia Davidson, Nicole Demers, Johanne Deschamps, Nina Grewal, Irene Mathyssen, Hon. Maria Minna, Hon. Anita Neville, Glen Douglas Pearson and Bruce Stanton.

Acting Members present: Hon. Larry Bagnell for Yasmin Ratansi and Dave Van Kesteren for Inky Mark.

Hon. Nancy Ruth, Senator

In attendance: Library of Parliament: Shahrzad Mobasher Fard, Analyst; Clara Morgan, Analyst.

Witnesses: Status of Women Canada: Suzanne Cooper, Research Analyst; Hélène Dwyer-Renaud, Senior Advisor, Gender-based Analysis Support Services. *Statistics Canada:* Heather Dryburgh, Chief of the General Social Survey, Social and Aboriginal Statistics Division; Louise Marmen, Assistant Director, Social and Aboriginal Statistics Division. *As an individual:* Sheila Regehr, Director, National Council of Welfare.

Pursuant to Standing Order 108(2) and the motion adopted by the Committee on November 21, 2007, the Committee resumed its study on Gender Budgets.

Heather Dryburgh, Sheila Regehr and Suzanne Cooper made statements and, with the other witnesses, answered questions.

At 10:47 a.m., the sitting was suspended.

At 10:47 a.m., the sitting resumed.

The Committee proceeded to the consideration of matters related to Committee business.

The Committee resumed consideration of the motion, as amended, of Irene Mathyssen, — That the Auditor General, taking into account all of the elements of Canada's framework for equality including the Convention on the Elimination of all Forms of Discrimination Against Women and Optional Protocol and the Canadian Charter of Rights and Freedom, conduct an audit to review Canada's implementation of gender-based analysis using "Setting the Stage for the Next Century: The Federal Plan for Gender Equality (1995)" as a guide, and review the last 7 years, and report the adoption of this motion to the House of Commons without delay.

Bruce Stanton moved, — That the motion be amended by replacing the words "the last 7 years" with the words "from the period of April 1, 2000 to March 31, 2008".

Debate arose thereon.

After debate, the question was put on the amendment of Bruce Stanton and it was agreed to.

After debate, the question was put on the motion, as amended, and it was agreed to.

The motion, as amended, read as follows:

That the Auditor General, taking into account all of the elements of Canada's framework for equality including the Convention on the Elimination of all Forms of Discrimination Against Women and Optional Protocol and the Canadian Charter of Rights and Freedom, conduct an audit to review Canada's implementation of gender-based analysis using "Setting the Stage for the Next Century: The Federal Plan for Gender Equality (1995)" as a guide, and review from the period of April 1, 2000 to March 31, 2008, and report the adoption of this motion to the House of Commons without delay.

At 10:58 a.m., the Committee adjourned to the call of the Chair.

Erica Pereira
Committee Clerk

2008/04/18 1:05 p.m.

HOUSE OF COMMONS OF CANADA
39th PARLIAMENT, 2nd SESSION

MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS

STANDING COMMITTEE ON THE STATUS OF WOMEN

Chair: Yasmin Ratansi.

Meeting No. 30

Tuesday, April 29, 2008

ORDER OF THE DAY:

Pursuant to Standing Order 81(4), the Committee commenced consideration of the Main Estimates 2008-2009: Votes 100 and 105 under CANADIAN HERITAGE, referred to the Committee on Thursday, February 28, 2008.

MEMBERS OF THE COMMITTEE PRESENT:

Sylvie Boucher,
Patricia Davidson,
Nicole Demers,
Johanne Deschamps,
Nina Grewal,
Irene Mathysen,
Hon. Maria Minna,
Hon. Anita Neville,
Glen Douglas Pearson,
Yasmin Ratansi
and Bruce Stanton.

IN ATTENDANCE:

Library of Parliament:
Shahrzad Mobasher Fard, Analyst;
Clara Morgan, Analyst.

APPEARING:

Hon. Josée Verner, Minister of Canadian Heritage, Status of Women and
Official Languages.

WITNESSES:

Status of Women Canada:

Clare Beckton, Coordinator, Office of the Coordinator;
Cindy Paquette, Director, Corporate Services Directorate;
Nanci-Jean Waugh, Director General, Governance and
Communications Directorate.

Erica Pereira
Committee Clerk

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MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS

Meeting No. 30

Tuesday, April 29, 2008

The Standing Committee on the Status of Women met in a televised session at 9:02 a.m. this day, in Room 237-C, Centre Block, the Chair, Yasmin Ratansi, presiding.

Members of the Committee present: Sylvie Boucher, Patricia Davidson, Nicole Demers, Johanne Deschamps, Nina Grewal, Irene Mathyssen, Hon. Maria Minna, Hon. Anita Neville, Glen Douglas Pearson, Yasmin Ratansi and Bruce Stanton.

In attendance: Library of Parliament: Shahrzad Mobasher Fard, Analyst; Clara Morgan, Analyst.

Appearing: Hon. Josée Verner, Minister of Canadian Heritage, Status of Women and Official Languages.

Witnesses: Status of Women Canada: Clare Beckton, Coordinator, Office of the Coordinator; Cindy Paquette, Director, Corporate Services Directorate; Nanci-Jean Waugh, Director General, Governance and Communications Directorate.

Pursuant to Standing Order 81(4), the Committee commenced consideration of the Main Estimates 2008-2009: Votes 100 and 105 under CANADIAN HERITAGE, referred to the Committee on Thursday, February 28, 2008.

The Minister made a statement and, with Clare Beckton, answered questions.

At 10:05 a.m. the Minister left and Cindy Paquette joined the table.

The witnesses answered questions.

Vote 100 under CANADIAN HERITAGE, Status of Women, carried.

Vote 105 under CANADIAN HERITAGE, Status of Women, carried.

It was agreed, — That the Chair report Votes 100 and 105, less the amounts voted in Interim Supply, under CANADIAN HERITAGE, Status of Women.

At 11:00 a.m., the Committee adjourned to the call of the Chair.

Erica Pereira
Committee Clerk

2008/04/30 3:33 p.m.

HOUSE OF COMMONS OF CANADA
39th PARLIAMENT, 2nd SESSION

MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS
STANDING COMMITTEE ON THE STATUS OF WOMEN

Chair: Yasmin Ratansi.

Meeting No. 31

Thursday, May 1, 2008

ORDER OF THE DAY:

Pursuant to Standing Order 108(2) and the motion adopted by the Committee on November 21, 2007, the Committee resumed its study on Gender Budgets.

The Committee proceeded to the consideration of matters related to Committee business.

MEMBERS OF THE COMMITTEE PRESENT:

Sylvie Boucher,
Patricia Davidson,
Nicole Demers,
Johanne Deschamps,
Nina Grewal,
Irene Mathyssen,
Hon. Maria Minna,
Hon. Anita Neville,
Glen Douglas Pearson,
Yasmin Ratansi
and Bruce Stanton.

IN ATTENDANCE:

Library of Parliament:
Shahrzad Mobasher Fard, Analyst;
Karine Richer, Analyst.

WITNESSES:

Office of the Commissioner of Official Languages:

Graham Fraser, Commissioner of Official Languages;

Dominique Lemieux, Director General, Compliance Assurance Branch;

Catherine Scott, Director General, Policy and Communications Branch.

Graham Fraser made a statement and, with the other witnesses, answered questions.

Erica Pereira
Committee Clerk

MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS

Meeting No. 31

Thursday, May 1, 2008

The Standing Committee on the Status of Women met at 9:00 a.m. this day, in Room 209, West Block, the Chair, Yasmin Ratansi, presiding.

Members of the Committee present: Sylvie Boucher, Patricia Davidson, Nicole Demers, Johanne Deschamps, Nina Grewal, Irene Mathyssen, Hon. Maria Minna, Hon. Anita Neville, Glen Douglas Pearson, Yasmin Ratansi and Bruce Stanton.

In attendance: Library of Parliament: Shahrzad Mobasher Fard, Analyst; Karine Richer, Analyst.

Witnesses: Office of the Commissioner of Official Languages: Graham Fraser, Commissioner of Official Languages; Dominique Lemieux, Director General, Compliance Assurance Branch; Catherine Scott, Director General, Policy and Communications Branch.

Pursuant to Standing Order 108(2) and the motion adopted by the Committee on November 21, 2007, the Committee resumed its study on Gender Budgets.

Graham Fraser made a statement and, with the other witnesses, answered questions.

At 10:33 a.m., the sitting was suspended.

At 10:36 a.m., the sitting resumed.

The Committee proceeded to the consideration of matters related to Committee business.

Johanne Deschamps moved, — That as part of its gender analysis study, the Standing Committee on the Status of Women ask that the committee members be invited to be part of the Government of Canada's delegation to Peru, in May 2008, to attend two major international meetings, the 13th Women Leaders Network Meeting and APEC's Gender Focal Point Network meeting, and that the chair take the appropriate steps to this effect.

Debate arose thereon.

Irene Mathyssen moved, — That the motion be amended by replacing the words “, the Standing Committee on the Status of Women ask that the committee members be invited to be part of the Government of Canada's delegation to Peru, in May 2008, to attend two major international meetings, the 13th Women Leaders Network Meeting and APEC's Gender Focal Point Network meeting” with the words “and all issues that pertain to the work of the Standing Committee on the Status of Women, the Standing Committee on the Status of Women wishes its members to be included in all the meetings that the Government of Canada is invited to attend.”.

Debate arose thereon.

The question was put on the amendment of Irene Mathyssen and it was agreed to, by a show of hands:

YEAS: 6; NAYS: 4.

The question was put on the motion, as amended, and it was agreed to, by a show of hands: YEAS: 6; NAYS: 4.

The motion, as amended, read as follows:

That as part of its gender analysis study and all issues that pertain to the work of the Standing Committee on the Status of Women, the Standing Committee on the Status of Women wishes its members to be included in all the meetings that the Government of Canada is invited to attend, and that the chair take the appropriate steps to this effect.

Glen Douglas Pearson moved, — That the Standing Committee in the Status of Women undertake a study to hear testimony from different women's group on the proposed Action Plan for Gender Equality that was put forward in Budget 2008.

Debate arose thereon.

After debate, the question was put on the motion and it was agreed to.

At 11:07 a.m., the Committee adjourned to the call of the Chair.

Erica Pereira
Committee Clerk

2008/05/02 9:33 a.m.

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STANDING COMMITTEE ON THE STATUS OF WOMEN

Chair: Yasmin Ratansi.

Meeting No. 32

Tuesday, May 6, 2008

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MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS

Meeting No. 32

Tuesday, May 6, 2008

The Standing Committee on the Status of Women met *in camera* at 9:01 a.m. this day, in Room 308, West Block, the Chair, Yasmin Ratansi, presiding.

Members of the Committee present: Sylvie Boucher, Patricia Davidson, Nicole Demers, Johanne Deschamps, Nina Grewal, Irene Mathyssen, Hon. Maria Minna, Glen Douglas Pearson and Bruce Stanton.

Acting Members present: Hon. Ken Dryden for Hon. Anita Neville.

In attendance: Library of Parliament: Shahrzad Mobasher Fard, Analyst; Clara Morgan, Analyst; Karine Richer, Analyst.

The Committee proceeded to the consideration of matters related to Committee business.

It was agreed, — That the Committee undergo the Gender-Based Analysis training offered to departments by Status of Women Canada as well as an encompassing framework of Gender-Based Analysis to be provided by an independent trainer.

At 10:32 a.m., the Committee adjourned to the call of the Chair.

Erica Pereira
Committee Clerk

2008/05/07 9:25 a.m.

HOUSE OF COMMONS OF CANADA
39th PARLIAMENT, 2nd SESSION

MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS
STANDING COMMITTEE ON THE STATUS OF WOMEN

Chair: Yasmin Ratansi.

Meeting No. 33

Thursday, May 8, 2008

ORDER OF THE DAY:

Pursuant to Standing Order 108(2) and the motion adopted by the Committee on November 21, 2007, the Committee resumed its study on Gender Budgets.

MEMBERS OF THE COMMITTEE PRESENT:

Sylvie Boucher,
Patricia Davidson,
Nicole Demers,
Johanne Deschamps,
Nina Grewal,
Irene Mathysen,
Hon. Maria Minna,
Glen Douglas Pearson,
Yasmin Ratansi
and Bruce Stanton.

IN ATTENDANCE:

Library of Parliament:
Shahrzad Mobasher Fard, Analyst;
Clara Morgan, Analyst.

PARTICIPANTS PRESENT:

Status of Women Canada:

Hélène Dwyer-Renaud, Senior Advisor, Gender-Based Analysis
Support Services;
Michèle Bougie, Senior Policy and Program Analyst.

Erica Pereira
Committee Clerk

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MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS

Meeting No. 33

Thursday, May 8, 2008

The Standing Committee on the Status of Women met at 9:05 a.m. this day, in Room 308, West Block, the Chair, Yasmin Ratansi, presiding.

Members of the Committee present: Sylvie Boucher, Patricia Davidson, Nicole Demers, Johanne Deschamps, Nina Grewal, Irene Mathysen, Hon. Maria Minna, Glen Douglas Pearson, Yasmin Ratansi and Bruce Stanton.

In attendance: Library of Parliament: Shahrzad Mobasher Fard, Analyst; Clara Morgan, Analyst.

Participants present: Status of Women Canada: Hélène Dwyer-Renaud, Director, Gender-Based Analysis and Accountability Directorate; Michèle Bougie, Senior Policy and Program Analyst.

Pursuant to Standing Order 108(2) and the motion adopted by the Committee on November 21, 2007, the Committee resumed its study on Gender Budgets.

Michèle Bougie and Hélène Dwyer-Renaud proceeded with a training session for the members of the committee.

At 9:40 a.m., the Committee proceeded to sit *in camera*.

At 10:53 a.m., the Committee adjourned to the call of the Chair.

Erica Pereira
Committee Clerk

2008/05/09 3:38 p.m.

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STANDING COMMITTEE ON THE STATUS OF WOMEN

Chair: Yasmin Ratansi.

Meeting No. 34

Tuesday, May 13, 2008

IN-CAMERA:

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MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS

Meeting No. 34

Tuesday, May 13, 2008

The Standing Committee on the Status of Women met *in camera* at 9:08 a.m. this day, in Room 112-N, Centre Block, the Chair, Yasmin Ratansi, presiding.

Members of the Committee present: Sylvie Boucher, Patricia Davidson, Nicole Demers, Johanne Deschamps, Irene Mathysen, Hon. Maria Minna, Hon. Anita Neville, Glen Douglas Pearson, Yasmin Ratansi and Bruce Stanton.

In attendance: Library of Parliament: Shahrzad Mobasher Fard, Analyst; Clara Morgan, Analyst; Karine Richer, Analyst.

Pursuant to Standing Order 108(2) and the motion adopted by the Committee on November 21, 2007, the Committee resumed its study on Gender Budgets.

The Committee commenced consideration of a draft report.

At 10:05 a.m., the Committee adjourned to the call of the Chair.

Danielle Bélisle
Clerk of the Committee

2008/06/02 1:52 p.m.

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STANDING COMMITTEE ON THE STATUS OF WOMEN

Chair: Yasmin Ratansi.

Meeting No. 35

Thursday, May 15, 2008

IN-CAMERA:

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Meeting No. 35

Thursday, May 15, 2008

The Standing Committee on the Status of Women met *in camera* at 9:03 a.m. this day, in Room 209, West Block, the Chair, Yasmin Ratansi, presiding.

Members of the Committee present: Sylvie Boucher, Patricia Davidson, Nicole Demers, Irene Mathysen, Hon. Maria Minna, Hon. Anita Neville, Glen Douglas Pearson, Yasmin Ratansi and Bruce Stanton.

Acting Members present: Paule Brunelle for Nicole Demers, Paule Brunelle for Johanne Deschamps, Tina Keeper for Hon. Anita Neville and Carole Lavallée for Johanne Deschamps.

In attendance: Library of Parliament: Clara Morgan, Analyst; Karine Richer, Analyst.

Pursuant to Standing Order 108(2) and the motion adopted by the Committee on November 21, 2007, the Committee resumed its study on Gender Budgets.

The Committee resumed consideration of a draft report.

At 10:40 a.m., by unanimous consent and pursuant to Standing Order 115(5), it was agreed that the Committee continue to sit until 10:50 a.m.

At 10:50 a.m., the Committee adjourned to the call of the Chair.

Danielle Bélisle
Clerk of the Committee

2008/06/02 1:54 p.m.

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Chair: Yasmin Ratansi.

Meeting No. 36

Tuesday, May 27, 2008

IN-CAMERA:

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MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS

Meeting No. 36

Tuesday, May 27, 2008

The Standing Committee on the Status of Women met *in camera* at 9:05 a.m. this day, in Room 308, West Block, the Chair, Yasmin Ratansi, presiding.

Members of the Committee present: Sylvie Boucher, Patricia Davidson, Nicole Demers, Johanne Deschamps, Nina Grewal, Irene Mathyssen, Hon. Maria Minna, Hon. Anita Neville, Glen Douglas Pearson and Yasmin Ratansi.

Acting Members present: Luc Harvey for Bruce Stanton.

In attendance: Library of Parliament: Clara Morgan, Analyst; Karine Richer, Analyst.

Witnesses: Queen's University: Kathleen Lahey, Professor, Institute of Women's Studies.

Pursuant to Standing Order 108(2) and the motion adopted by the Committee on November 21, 2007, the Committee resumed its study on Gender Budgets.

Kathleen Lahey proceeded with a training session for the members of the committee.

At 10:23 a.m., the sitting was suspended.

At 10:40 a.m., the sitting resumed.

At 11:03 a.m., the Committee adjourned to the call of the Chair.

Danielle Bélisle
Clerk of the Committee

2008/05/27 3:34 p.m.

HOUSE OF COMMONS OF CANADA
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MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS

STANDING COMMITTEE ON THE STATUS OF WOMEN

Chair: Yasmin Ratansi.

Meeting No. 37

Thursday, May 29, 2008

IN-CAMERA:

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MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS

Meeting No. 37

Thursday, May 29, 2008

The Standing Committee on the Status of Women met *in camera* at 9:05 a.m. this day, in Room 308, West Block, the Chair, Yasmin Ratansi, presiding.

Members of the Committee present: Sylvie Boucher, Patricia Davidson, Johanne Deschamps, Nina Grewal, Irene Mathysen, Hon. Maria Minna, Glen Douglas Pearson and Yasmin Ratansi.

Acting Members present: Raymond Gravel for Nicole Demers, Hon. Gurbax Malhi for Hon. Anita Neville and Mike Wallace for Bruce Stanton.

In attendance: Library of Parliament: Clara Morgan, Analyst; Karine Richer, Analyst.

Pursuant to Standing Order 108(2) and the motion adopted by the Committee on November 21, 2007, the Committee resumed its study on Gender Budgets.

The Committee resumed consideration of a draft report.

At 10:52 a.m., by unanimous consent and pursuant to Standing Order 115(5), it was agreed that the Committee continue to sit until 10:55 a.m.

At 10:55 a.m., the Committee adjourned to the call of the Chair.

Danielle Bélisle
Clerk of the Committee

2008/05/29 2:28 p.m.

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STANDING COMMITTEE ON THE STATUS OF WOMEN

Chair: Yasmin Ratansi.

Meeting No. 38

Tuesday, June 3, 2008

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Meeting No. 38

Tuesday, June 3, 2008

The Standing Committee on the Status of Women met *in camera* at 9:03 a.m. this day, in Room 308, West Block, the Chair, Yasmin Ratansi, presiding.

Members of the Committee present: Sylvie Boucher, Patricia Davidson, Nicole Demers, Johanne Deschamps, Nina Grewal, Irene Mathysen, Hon. Maria Minna, Glen Douglas Pearson, Yasmin Ratansi and Bruce Stanton.

Acting Members present: Hon. Sue Barnes for Hon. Anita Neville and Hon. Carolyn Bennett for Hon. Anita Neville.

In attendance: Library of Parliament: Clara Morgan, Analyst; Karine Richer, Analyst.

Pursuant to Standing Order 108(2) and the motion adopted by the Committee on November 21, 2007, the Committee resumed its study on Gender Budgets.

The Committee resumed consideration of a draft report.

At 11:00 a.m., the Committee adjourned to the call of the Chair.

Danielle Bélisle
Clerk of the Committee

2008/06/03 12:06 p.m.

HOUSE OF COMMONS OF CANADA
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MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS

STANDING COMMITTEE ON THE STATUS OF WOMEN

Chair: Yasmin Ratansi.

Meeting No. 39

Thursday, June 5, 2008

ORDER OF THE DAY:

Pursuant to Standing Order 108(2) and the motion adopted by the Committee on November 21, 2007, the Committee resumed its study on Gender Budgets.

The Committee proceeded to the consideration of matters related to Committee business.

MEMBERS OF THE COMMITTEE PRESENT:

Sylvie Boucher,
Nicole Demers,
Johanne Deschamps,
Nina Grewal,
Irene Mathysen,
Hon. Maria Minna,
Hon. Anita Neville,
Glen Douglas Pearson,
Yasmin Ratansi
and Bruce Stanton.

ACTING MEMBERS PRESENT:

Hon. Carolyn Bennett for Hon. Maria Minna,
Blaine Calkins for Inky Mark,
Peter Goldring for Patricia Davidson,
and Scott Simms for Hon. Maria Minna.

IN ATTENDANCE:

Library of Parliament:

Clara Morgan, Analyst;

Karine Richer, Analyst.

Danielle Bélisle

Clerk of the Committee

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MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS

Meeting No. 39

Thursday, June 5, 2008

The Standing Committee on the Status of Women met *in camera* at 9:02 a.m. this day, in Room 209, West Block, the Chair, Yasmin Ratansi, presiding.

Members of the Committee present: Sylvie Boucher, Nicole Demers, Johanne Deschamps, Nina Grewal, Irene Mathyssen, Hon. Maria Minna, Hon. Anita Neville, Glen Douglas Pearson, Yasmin Ratansi and Bruce Stanton.

Acting Members present: Hon. Carolyn Bennett for Hon. Maria Minna, Blaine Calkins for Inky Mark, Peter Goldring for Patricia Davidson and Scott Simms for Hon. Maria Minna.

In attendance: Library of Parliament: Clara Morgan, Analyst; Karine Richer, Analyst.

Pursuant to Standing Order 108(2) and the motion adopted by the Committee on November 21, 2007, the Committee resumed its study on Gender Budgets.

The Committee resumed consideration of a draft report.

It was agreed, — That the final report, as amended, entitled: "Towards Gender Responsive Budgeting: Rising To The Challenge of Achieving Gender Equality" be adopted as the Eleventh Report of the Standing Committee on the Status of Women.

It was agreed, — That the Clerk and analysts be authorized to make such grammatical and editorial changes as may be necessary without changing the substance of the report.

It was agreed, — That the Chair present the report to the House.

It was agreed, — That, pursuant to Standing Order 109, the Committee request that the Government table a comprehensive response to the report.

It was agreed, — That a press release be prepared and sent immediately upon tabling of the report in the House.

It was agreed, — That the Clerk of the Committee make the necessary arrangements for a press conference to be held on Thursday, June 12, 2008 at 10:30 a.m., after the tabling of the Committee's report to the House entitled: "Towards Gender Responsive Budgeting: Rising To The Challenge of Achieving Gender Equality"; and that Committee be represented by the two vice-chairs and a representative from the Liberal Party and the Bloc Québécois.

It was agreed, — That, pursuant to Standing Order 108(2), the Library of Parliament and the Parliamentary Budget Officer develop expertise in gender-based analysis and that all analyses done by the Library of Parliament and by the Parliamentary Budget Officer include a gender-based analysis and that this motion be reported to the House of Commons.

The Committee proceeded to the consideration of matters related to Committee business.

At 9:52 a.m., the sitting was suspended.

At 9:56 a.m., the Committee resumed sitting in public.

Irene Mathyssen moved, — Whereas the Standing Committee of Justice and Human Rights has not met to address legislative matters since March 11, 2008 and is therefore not functioning in a meaningful manner and; whereas the content and subject matter of Bill C-484, An Act to amend the Criminal Code (injuring or causing the death of an unborn child while committing an offence), could be more properly addressed by the Standing Committee on the Status of Women; therefore be it resolved that the Standing Committee on the Status of Women request that the House of Commons refer Bill C-484 to the Standing Committee on the Status of Women.

The Chair ruled the proposed motion inadmissible as Bill C-484 falls under the Criminal Code and the Department of Justice and is not under the mandate of the Standing Committee on the Status of Women.

Irene Mathyssen moved, — That, pursuant to Standing Order 108(2), the Committee study the subject matter of injuring or causing the death of a fetus while committing an offence; its impact on women and that the Committee also study the impact of similar legislation in other international jurisdictions.

After debate, the question was put on the motion and it was agreed to, by a show of hands: YEAS: 6; NAYS: 5.

Irene Mathyssen moved, — That the Committee meet jointly with the Standing Committee on Justice and Human Rights to express the Committees concern with Bill C-484, An Act to amend the Criminal Code (injuring or causing the death of an unborn child while committing an offence).

After debate, the question was put on the motion and it was agreed to, by a show of hands: YEAS: 11; NAYS: 0.

At 10:52 a.m., the Committee adjourned to the call of the Chair.

Danielle Bélisle
Clerk of the Committee

2008/06/10 4:07 p.m.

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MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS

STANDING COMMITTEE ON THE STATUS OF WOMEN

Chair: Yasmin Ratansi.

Meeting No. 40

Tuesday, June 17, 2008

IN-CAMERA:

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MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS

Meeting No. 40

Tuesday, June 17, 2008

The Standing Committee on the Status of Women met *in camera* at 9:05 a.m. this day, in Room 209, West Block, the Chair, Yasmin Ratansi, presiding.

Members of the Committee present: Sylvie Boucher, Patricia Davidson, Nicole Demers, Johanne Deschamps, Nina Grewal, Hon. Maria Minna, Glen Douglas Pearson, Yasmin Ratansi and Bruce Stanton.

Acting Members present: Jean Crowder for Irene Mathyssen and Réal Ménard for Johanne Deschamps.

In attendance: Library of Parliament: Clara Morgan, Analyst.

The Committee proceeded to the consideration of matters related to Committee business.

It was agreed, — That the Committee meet on September 16, 2008, to hear the following witnesses regarding a short study on injuring or causing death to a fetus: Life Canada; Abortion Rights Coalition of Canada; Professor Stephen Scott, McGill University; Women's Legal Education and Action Fund; Canadian Resource Centre for Victims of Crime and Women Against Violence Against Women.

It was agreed, — That regarding the Committee's Action Plan on Gender Equality a thematical progress report be prepared.

It was agreed, — That if the Committee does not meet jointly with the Finance Committee concerning pre-budget consultations, the Committee hold its own parallel consultation on the subject.

At 10:27 a.m., the Committee adjourned to the call of the Chair.

Danielle Bélisle
Clerk of the Committee

2008/06/18 2:48 p.m.

